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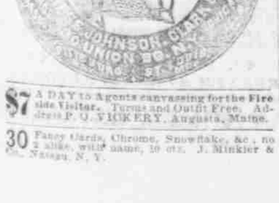

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JOHN M'CORMICK,
Feb. 28, 1879.-6t. Wilmore, Cambria Co., Pa.

SELECT SUMMER SCHOOL.—The undersigned will open a SELECT School in the Council School Building, Ebensburg, on MONDAY, MAY 5th, 1879, and continue it for a term of ten weeks. The common branches, higher mathematics, and the natural sciences will be taught. Instruction in teaching will also be given to all who desire it.
Terms.—Five dollars per term for all studying only the common branches; six dollars per term for higher branches and instruction in teaching.
☞Those proposing to attend will please give notice by 1st of April as the number will be limited. F. A. LYTE.
2-28.-3t.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.
Estate CATHARINE HARTSOG, dec'd.
Letters testamentary on the estate of Catharine Hartsog, late of Carroll township, Cambria county, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned by the Register of said county, all persons indebted to the estate in question are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims against the same will present them fully authenticated for settlement.
JOHN OTT, Executor,
Carroll Twp., Jan. 31, 1879.-6t.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.
Estate of WM. BAKER, Sr., dec'd.
Letters testamentary on the estate of William Baker, Sr., late of Carroll township, Cambria county, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned by the Register of said county, notice is hereby given to all parties indebted to said estate that payment must be made forthwith, and those having claims against the same will present them duly authenticated for settlement.
PETER A. BERKHAM, Executor.
Carroll Twp., Jan. 24, 1879.-6t.

ASSIGNEE'S NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given that John J. Trexler, of Dean township, has made an assignment of all his real and personal property to the undersigned for the benefit of his creditors. All persons indebted to John J. Trexler are therefore notified that payment must be made without delay, and those having claims against the same will present them in proper shape for adjustment.
JOHN WAGNER.
Feb. 21, 1879.-3t. Assignee of John J. Trexler.

SOCK UP!—The books of W. H. Sloan, M. D., of Chest Springs, having been left in the hands of the undersigned for collection, all persons knowing themselves indebted on said books are hereby notified to call and settle their respective accounts, either by cash or note, on or before the 1st day of April next, and unless they do so they will have only themselves to blame for additional costs which may accrue in the collection of the same. JOHN WAGNER.
Chest Springs, Feb. 28, 1879.-3t.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.
Estate of HENRY J. BOLAN, dec'd.
Letters of administration on the estate of Henry J. Bolan, late of Barr township, Cambria county, dec'd, having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims against it must present them properly authenticated for settlement.
CASPER SMITH, Administrator.
Barr Twp., Feb. 14, 1879.-6t.

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[ORIGINAL.]
SABBATH MORNING.

I.
The land was fraught with nature's smile,—
The insect's chirp did cares beguile,
And zephyrs stirred the leafage, while
We mused on Sabbath morning.

II.
The river slept amid the hills,
Its peaceful lapse fed by the rills,—
Forgot were all my cares and ills
On quiet Sabbath morning.

III.
The fish, beneath the crystal wave,
Their scaly silvered sides did lave;
Below, the golden sanded pave
Did glint on Sabbath morning.

IV.
The misty hills filled up the view
And blended with the heaven's blue,
And warmly basked in purple hue
On regal Sabbath morning.

V.
Sweet peace and quiet reigned o'er all,
As well in cot as stately hall:
And e'en the cattle in the stall
Enjoyed the Sabbath morning.

VI.
The little bird in leafy tree,—
The brook that purled in babbling glee,—
The squirrel and the buzzing bee
Rejoiced on Sabbath morning.

VII.
The house-dog dozed beneath the bush
Where bloomed the rose in Summer's blush,
And lulling murmurs filled the hush
On happy Sabbath morning.

VIII.
See where the river meets the view—
Reflecting back the heaven's blue,
A glimpse amid the leafage new,
On holy Sabbath morning!

IX.
The little kit plays o'er the floor,—
The fly doth buzz the window o'er,—
The robin, golden notes doth pour
For all on Sabbath morning.

X.
The mother-hen with downy train,—
The guinea in the field of grain,—
The sheep, too, grazing in the lane,
Are glad on Sabbath morning.

XI.
Trees, shrubs and flowery brambles, there,
Exhaling sweets, perfume the air,—
All earth doth seem exceeding fair
To view, on Sabath morning.

XII.
O, if the day's were all like this,
To live on earth were heavenly bliss;
And paradise we'd hardly miss
On such a Sabbath morning. A. D. H.

FIDELITY REWARDED.

A TRUE STORY FOR BOYS TO READ.

I want to tell the boys about a friend of mine whose faithful performance of present duty led him into higher positions than he ever dreamed of filling, and gave him what we would like all to reach—honor and success.

In the earlier years of my experience as a printer in Chicago, more than twenty years ago, our firm did a good deal of printing for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, and because of this I came to know a young man who is the subject of my story.

He came from Massachusetts; he was poor, and had no influential friend even to give him a letter of recommendation. He sought employment on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, and after waiting a time at last secured a position as brakeman on a freight train—salary thirty dollars a month. He was faithful in his position, and being both intelligent and industrious, he was soon made a conductor on the train with wages nearly doubled.—He soon after attracted the attention of his superior officers, who saw in him an honest, faithful, conscientious conductor, one not seeking his own ease or pleasure, but constantly devoted to the interests of the company that employed him, so that not many months elapsed before he was made conductor of a passenger train—a more comfortable position and one yielding a somewhat higher salary. Here I first knew him, and I saw in him a modest, quiet, unassuming young man, free from the popular vices, and one who tried to be just as faithful and true and devoted to his work as a conductor as though the position had been that of general superintendent.

He did not apparently have a high opinion of his own abilities; there was a total absence of that swagger and strut so often seen in those who come to similar subaltern positions. It seems as though he thought that to properly conduct his train—to secure the comfort of his passengers, and rightly serve the interest of his company—required the full exercise of all the powers God had given him.

One of the sternest and most exacting, and yet one of the noblest, ablest and most conscientious men who ever filled a similar position, was then General Superintendent of the road. This man (Colonel G. C. Hammond) watched every employe of the road with an eagle's eye. He measured every man, knew the ability of each, and seemed intuitively to know which were the faithful workers and which the lazy shirks. Our young conductor did not escape his keen eye. When he least thought of it, his chief was measuring and sounding him, and finding out what kind of metal he was made of; but none ever knew whether he was approved or not, for the chief's look was always stern and cold as ice.

On Friday night, train No. 4 moved slowly out of Chicago under the care of my young friend, who only intent on doing his work as well as he knew how, seemed to have no higher ambition than to be a good conductor—salary $900 a year. At noon, when he stopped at the station, he found a telegram from the head office ordering him to "leave the train in care of ——, and take the first train for Chicago."

This was an unusual thing. Wondering what could be the matter, conscious that he had tried to do exactly right, and yet remembering how exacting was the General Superintendent, he feared that unintentionally he had fallen under his displeasure. Reaching Chicago late Saturday evening, he found Colonel Hammond had gone home, and knowing how strict he was in the observance of the Sabbath, the conductor waited impatiently for the coming Monday morning, when with a fearful heart he presented himself at the office of the Superintendent.

"Good morning, Mr. Hammond; I have answered your telegram, and come to see what it means."

"Good morning," growled the chief; "I see you have, sir. I have concluded to take your train away from you."

The conductor's heart sank lower than ever. What before was only fearful foreboding was now painful truth. He had served the company to the best of his ability; he had kept his train in complete order. His reports had been carefully and correctly made, and yet, after all, he had lost his position; he knew not why, and felt that his case was sad indeed. He inwardly resolved, that having missed his calling, he would quit railroading and try some other service where careful work would be appreciated. He dared not hope to reverse the decision of the all powerful official, yet in as calm a voice as he could command, he politely asked the reason for this summary dismissal.

Colonel Hammond waited a while before he answered. Then the muscles of his face relaxed a little, and he said, "I want an assistant superintendent in my office, and I have called you to take the place."

The truth is always modest, and our thunder-struck conductor could only stammer, "But I am not competent, sir, to fill the position."

"You can do as I tell you; you can obey orders, can't you? That's all you have to do sir. You will begin work this morning. This is your desk."

The new duties were not as difficult as he expected. At first he had only to obey orders and carry out the details of work laid out by the chief, and to these duties he brought the faithfulness and thoroughness that had made him noticeable as a conductor. His elevation did not spoil him or make him vain. He was as plain, and modest, and as hardworking as before—the salary at first was one thousand eight hundred dollars.

After a few years of service under Colonel Hammond, and an advance of salary to two thousand five hundred dollars, the plain young man was invited to take the office of General Superintendent of a young road, at a salary of four thousand dollars. Distrusting his own ability, but determined to do his best, he accepted the call and succeeded, until the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad, realizing how much they had lost in parting with him, invited him to resume his old position by the tempting offer of six thousand dollars a year.

In the meantime Colonel Hammond had become Superintendent of the Union Pacific Railroad, running from Omaha to Ogden, where it connects with the Central Pacific Road. This latter road was owned by four or five millionaires, who had built it, one of whom was its General Superintendent. However good a business man he knew but little about railroading, and under his care the road was anything but prosperous, until the owners and directors resolved on a radical and sweeping change.

But where could they find a General Superintendent who had the ability, and would dare to reorganize the road and put affairs on a better basis? They consulted Colonel Hammond and other railroad men, and the result was that, most unexpectedly, our whilom modest and hardworking conductor one day received a telegram asking him if he would undertake the duties of General Superintendent of the Central Pacific Railroad at a salary of ten thousand dollars. He was satisfied with his appreciation by the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad, who proposed to increase his pay to seven thousand dollars, and as he preferred to remain in Chicago, he declined the princely offer made by the California road. Then another telegram asked at what salary he would become the chief of the Central Pacific. Almost hoping to discourage his tempters, he telegraphed, "Thirteen thousand a year in gold." At once came the answer "Accepted." So, taken in his own trap, he had nothing to do but to bid adieu to the city that he had served so well, and be turned his face toward the land of gold. My story would be too long if I should try to tell you the unexpected difficulties he encountered from the old officers of the road, who had determined that they would not be superseded, and that the new superintendent should never enter upon his duties; how they, before his arrival, set the whole press and people of California against him; how, supported by the directors of the road, he quietly took control, disarmed prejudice, conquered submission and earned success.

This was nine years ago. He is still General Superintendent of the Central Pacific Railroad, one of the most important railroads in the world. With its connections with California, this quiet man, not yet forty-eight years old, now superintends 2,734 miles of railroad and over fifty connecting steamers, besides dictating the tariffs of the China, the Australian, and the Panama line of steamships. While the other young men preferring present ease and comfort to the interests of employers, wasted money and time in billiard halls, and theatres, and hotels, and drinking saloons, Albion N. Towne was at work building up a character as well as a reputation, and now fills one of the most important positions in California; and instead of $360 a year as brakeman of a freight train he now draws the comfortable salary of $20,000 a year in gold.

"Lucky man," said one.

"Lucky" had but little to do with it; modest worth did it; work did it; faithfulness in the performance of present duties, however humble, did it.

This untiring faithfulness in the humbler duties not only attracted the notice and won the appreciation of his superiors, but fitted him for the higher positions which, without his seeking he was called to fill.

I have long desired to tell this story of a young man's faithfulness, and encouraging success, for I consider it a lesson that boys and young men of the present day can study to advantage.

TONGUE cannot express the astonishment of the crippled soldier in Connecticut who awoke to find his wife using his wooden leg to pound the beefsteak for breakfast.

The Mecca of the Thrifty Emigrant is Kansas.

THE GOLDEN BELT—EMPHATICALLY THE BEST PART OF KANSAS.

A special correspondent of the Chicago *Times*, writing from Salina, Kansas, under date of Nov. 12, 1878, says:

There has been much writing on Kansas. Practically one of the very newest of the new States—for of its entire area of over fifty-two million acres, more than 89 per cent. still remains virgin soil unbroken by the husbandman's plow—Kansas has yet been the subject of more voluminous and superlative commendation than any other of the agricultural States. The greatest of American miscellaneous authors, Washington Irving, as early as 1832, sounded the paean to its brilliant skies, its bland and benignant atmosphere, and its flowery plains and sloping uplands. Since then a multitude of writers, some of them of celebrity in literature and science, as Hale, Seward, Agassiz, Greeley, Sumner, Winthrop, Richardson and others, have swelled and prolonged the refrain.

Beyond all doubt Kansas is the one State which offers the very best and highest inducements to immigration. No other section is so full of rich promise to the man who desires to found a home and acquire unto himself and his family the ease and comforts of a competency. In its combination of soil and climate which wait on ordinary thrift and industry to surround its people with the circumstances of a happy, fortunate, generous, and contented living, it is superior to Illinois or Iowa, to Wisconsin or Minnesota. The writer hereof has no property in it or expectation from Kansas. He has journeyed frequently through various parts of the State within the last three years. At present a citizen of Chicago, he has had a residence in each of the four States mentioned by way of comparison. He intends to be temperate and moderate in statement, but does not expect that such statement will on no hallenged or at least not unsuspected by those not conversant with the relative facts. He has neither the time nor the data at hand to go into statistics in detail which sustain the allegations made. Let the following figures be given due consideration. In 1875 there was grown in Kansas thirteen million bushels of wheat and eighty-one million bushels of corn. In 1876 fifteen million bushels of wheat and eighty-three million bushels of corn. In 1877 fifteen million bushels of wheat and one hundred and three million bushels of corn. This year, in 1878, Kansas steps to the front, the first State in the Union in the production of wheat, unless, possibly, California has to be excepted, with a yield of more than thirty million bushels of wheat of superior quality and standard weight. The increase in acreage sown to wheat was one-third greater than in 1877. The corn production for the current year—the acreage being somewhat less than in 1877, but the average yield per acre greater—is probably not less than one hundred and five million bushels. Compare these remarkable results of four successive years in Kansas with the record, through the same period, of any other State which claims agricultural excellence, and it will be seen that nowhere else have the rewards of husbandry, of general farming, proved so bountiful and sure as they have in this fortunate and prolific State.

In the successful rearing of live stock the ratio of increase of total value is rapidly pushing Kansas toward the head. The percentage of increase is regular and noteworthy in both horses, cattle, swine, and sheep.

The culture of fruit, that which adds so much to the completeness of rural domestic life, attains a higher degree of general success in Kansas, both as to certainty and quality of crop, than in any other of the prairie States. The proportion of fruiting trees to those too young to produce fruit is about 30 per cent, yet the gross market value of fruits, grapes, and wine for 1877 reached the important figure of $3,000,000.

Thus a new State not thickly settled in its more populous districts, having more than four-fifths of its organized domain open to settlers on lands which may be bought from $2.50 to $6 an acre, by the superior adaptibility of its soil and climate to produce wealth, outranks in two joint great staples all its older and more populous sister States, and presents a wider range of profitable general farming than any other State.

The immense stretch of wheat fields coursed by the Kansas Pacific Railway, have given to this route the name distinctively of the "Golden Belt." But that which assures for the "golden belt" permanency of cropsustaining power and especially adapts it for continuous wheat-culture is the fact that it is a limestone region. In nearly every portion of the State surface soil is a dark alluvial mold of varying depth of from two to six feet. Within the limestone belt this rests on a rock basis, having generally interposed a rich clay subsoil. The lands within the limestone belt, having the lime constituents and a sufficient admixture of silica with a rock re-enforcing, moisture-retaining subsoil, are very nearly typical wheat lands. Those of the region south drained by the Arkansas need a greater rainfall, lack the durable self-fertilizing characteristics of the former, require greater care in their treatment, and will more easily degenerate.

Another eminent advantage possessed by the country through which the Kansas Pacific runs is the fact that settlers therein are more secure on the important question of fuel. According to the reports of the State Agricultural Bureau, coal is found in three-fourths of the counties along the line. Also the limestone belt has the distinction of an abundant supply of building material, the magnesian limestone, of proved durability, from which the State capitol of Topeka and other important buildings are constructed, being found in great abundance as far west as Trego county.

Without disparagement of any section of the State, I have briefly named the great leading considerations which must attach to the Kansas Pacific country a preference in the judgment of the intelligent and discriminating settlers. I use the designation "Kansas Pacific country," because the trunk and branch lines of that railway are coincident with the main water lines of central and northern Kansas, and the districts indicated accessibly by and tributary to that rail route. The following are a few succinctly-stated statistics and data, which carry their own argument:

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1878, there were entered, as appears from the records of the general land office in Washington, of government lands in Kansas, 2,067,179 acres; in Nebraska, 620,675 acres; in Minnesota, 1,041,203 acres; in Dakota, 1,461,891 acres; the entries for Kansas being thus 40 per cent. of the total for the four most active land districts in the union.—This indicates the relative immigrantion to Kansas.

In 1877 the yield of winter and spring wheat in nineteen counties along the line of the Kansas Pacific, was 5,185,894 bushels, or more than 34 per cent. of the yield for the entire State. In 1878 the yield of these same counties aggregated 12,346,128 bushels of wheat, or more than 40 per cent. of the entire wheat product of the State. The average yield per acre in 1878 in the counties cited, of winter wheat was 23½ bushels, or both winter and spring wheat 20 9-10 bushels. The average per acre of the entire State, both winter and spring wheat, was 17 1-2 bushels. Many special yields of winter wheat per acre in the counties above referred to are very remarkable. The following are a few instances: One field of twelve acres in Riley county averaged 35 bushels to the acre. Two fields in Saline county of twenty and seventy acres produced 53 and 35 bushels respectively to the acre. Of two fields in McPherson county, twelve acres each, one averaged 57 1-2 bushels, the other 36 bushels. In Ellsworth county a field of nine acres, 44 bushels to the acre. Of three fields in Ellis county, eighty, fifteen, and one hundred and twenty acres respectively, the first produced 30 bushels to the acre, the two latter 32 bushels each. In Ottawa county two fields, one of nineteen, the other of ninety acres, yielded an average for the first of 64 1-4 bushels, for the second 44 2 3 bushels. One field of four hundred acres in Lincoln county harvested 29 bushels to the acre.

They call this country the "Golden Belt." It is true. Aptly it is named "Golden." It is in such a country where men, through the order of the years, are most free and labor is most king.

HOW HE GOT HIS PAY.

On the banks of the Ohio, before the advent of railroads, when steamboats plied between Pittsburgh and the West, lived a sturdy farmer, whose spare time was spent in chopping wood with which he supplied the passing boats. One winter a boat was laid up at this place on account of the ice, and during a long and cold season burned the old gentleman's wood. When the ice cleared away, the farmer presented his bill, which the captain refused to pay.

"You will pay it," said the old man.

"I'll not pay it till I please," retorted the captain, and ordered the old man off the boat, a request which he complied with.

A little later he appeared on the bank, axe in hand, and commenced chopping at a large tree hanging directly over the boat, which would not be able to move for several hours on account of the flow of ice.—The captain, with an oath, asked him what he meant by cutting that tree when he knew that it would fall on the boat.

"Will you pay me for the wood?" asked the farmer.

"No!" roared the captain.

"Then I'll fell this tree on your boat," and the sound of the axe ran out on the air.

The captain stormed and swore, and threatened to lick the old man, but to no purpose; the well directed blows of the axe were gradually eating away at the heart of the tree, and unless something was done soon it would fall and crush everything beneath it. Finding threats and entreaties useless, the captain finally brought out a swivel gun, which all the boats then carried, and, loading it, pointed right at the tree. Faster flew the chips as the old man saw the preparations of war, when the captain sang out:

"Will you quit chopping at that tree?"

"Will you pay me for the wood?" said the old man, never losing a stroke.

"I'll give you just one minute to get away from that tree, and if you're not gone then I'll blow Satan out of you,' cried the captain, as he called for a light and primed the gun.

Without a word, as though some new thought had struck him, the old man shouldered his axe, and shaking his fist at the captain, strode toward his home, and was seen there no more. In a few hours the boat pulled and steamed down the river, making a landing at Steubenville, twenty two miles below. As the captain stepped on the wharf, the sheriff walked up, and, tapping him on the shoulder, informed him that he had a writ for him, and would tie his boat until he paid a little bill.

"What bill?"

"The bill for that wood you burned off me, and wouldn't pay for, you wall eyed slink," put in the old man, who had been concealed up to this moment, and he added:

"I walked down here to ketch ye, and durned if I wouldn't a walked to Cincinnati afore I'd let ye get ahead of me."

The captain saw it was no use to fume about it, for the old man had the law on him; and after paying the amount, with additional costs, and the old man's "mileage," each way, he was allowed to depart with his boat.

The woodman took the next boat home, with his money in his pocket, saying as he left: "If it hadn't been for that infernal swivel gun, I'd a mashed his eternal old boat."

THE LAW OF SENSE.—Curious comments by a Judge, even in the presence of a prisoner, though extremely rare, are not unprecedented. Mr. Justice Maule once addressed a phenomenon in smock frock in the following words: "Prisoner at the bar, your counsel thinks you innocent; the counsel for the prosecution thinks you innocent; I think you innocent; but a jury of your own countrymen, in the exercise of such common sense as they possess, which does not seem to be much, have found you 'guilty,' and it remains that I should pass upon you the sentence of the law. That sentence is that you be kept in imprisonment for one day, and as that day was yesterday, you may go about your business." The fortunate rustic, rather scared, went about his business, but tho't that law was an uncommonly puzzling thing.

A CITY ON THE ICE.

HOW FISH ARE CAUGHT IN SAGINAW BAY IN WINTER.

A correspondent of the Chicago *Tribune*, writing from East Saginaw, Mich., says:

The business of fishing through the ice on Saginaw bay has been prosecuted for several years, and has attained large proportions, giving employment to large numbers of men, and forming a city as distinct as it is novel and picturesque. At present there are about 700 buildings composing the city on the ice, and active operations are progressing. The soil on which this city is built is not of that permanent alluvial which has given Chicago the cognomen of "Garden City," nor yet is it susceptible to the cultivation of ordinary summer crops; but it is of a character peculiarly adapted to the crops which are being raised (through the ice) at the present time. The city is irregularly laid out; in fact, no attention whatever is paid to right angles; and it is not likely that the ordinary rules for finding a given location in a city would avail here.—The buildings in this peculiar and interesting town have all been erected since cold weather set in; and, with very few exceptions, the dwellers are all of the sterner sex. The city commences three or four miles from the lighthouse, and extends several miles out. In former years there existed a regularly organized municipal government, with a mayor and common council; but I believe no such constituted body exists this season, and the peaceable denizens are at liberty to erect a wooden building inside of the fire limits, if they chose.

The houses are nearly of uniform size, about four by eight feet. They are cheaply though warmly constructed; generally made of thin pine boards, lined or covered with building-paper. The bunk is placed in the end opposite the door, and the pantry is a shelf on one side of the hut. A small window in the side admits light; but, while engaged in fishing, this is usually covered.—The little homes are warmed with sheet-iron stoves, about sixteen inches long, round except at the top, where is a griddle for cooking the frugal meal of the occupant.

In the floor of the shanty is a trap-door, about twenty inches square, which, on being raised, reveals a hole through the ice. The fisherman seats himself on a block at one side of the hole, and lowers in to the water a herring attached to one end of a string—the opposite end being fastened to the top of the building. The herrings are used for decoys, and are caught as needed. In getting the decoy ready a piece of lead, about four inches in length, is forced down the herring's throat (for a sinker), a slip-noose, is placed over his head, and he is let down. If alive, he swims unaided; but if dead the fisherman resorts to artificial methods, by dangling the line. The water where the shanties are located is from ten to fifteen feet deep, and the bottom, being usually sandy, is easily discernible. Attached to another string is the spear. A nail in the handle enables it to be hung on the edge of the floor, whence it is quickly taken whenever the fish come up to the decoy. It is then darted swiftly, and, before an inexperienced person could hardly realize it, the victim is pierced and pulled through the ice into the shanty.

The fish run best early in the morning and after 4 P. M. After dark, a lamp with a reflector is used, and the business is prosecuted as persistently as in the daytime.—The bulk of the fish caught are pike and pickerel, with occasionally trout and whitefish. When the fishing is good, an industrious fisherman will take out from fifty to 150 pounds per day. The fish run in schools, and the water is often fairly black with them. The fish are sold to wholesale dealers at Bay City and Saginaw, and shipped in every direction. As high as 2,000,000 pounds have been caught in a single season. This year the season commenced rather late and the product will be smaller.

The occupation is not without danger, especially in the early spring, when

THE CAMBRIA FREEMAN.

EBENSBURG, PA.,

FRIDAY, - - - MARCH 14, 1879.

HON. L. D. WOODRUFF, one of Cambria's representatives at Harrisburg, delivered two brief but sensible speeches in the House last week, one of which was in favor of the act repealing the Jury Commissioner law and the other in opposition to a proposed law regulating the pay of Auditors and Commissioners appointed by the Courts to take testimony, etc. The latter act, despite Mr. Woodruff's opposition, now only awaits the approval of the Governor to become a law, while the former, having received the approval of the House, has been sent to the Senate for its disposal.

JOHN J. PATTERSON ought now to feel happy, having received a letter last week from the Attorney General of South Carolina, informing him that a full pardon had been extended to him for all the criminal offences he has committed in that State, for several of which indictments were pending against him in the Courts. Even though released from all fear of arrest, he will never again plant his foot on South Carolina soil, but proposes to go at once to Arizona to accept a position from the Southern Pacific Railroad Company. One of Patterson's first and most masterly feats was to steal the Greenville railroad in South Carolina, and if he has a fair show he will repeat the experiment in Arizona.

THE Johnstown *Tribune* of Monday last, in referring to the rumor that Simon Cameron would succeed Mr. Wallace in the U. S. Senate in 1881, provided the Republicans carried the Legislature in November, 1880, stated that it would be a strange sight to see father and son (Simon and Don) on the floor of the Senate at the same time, and that such a thing has never yet happened. The *Tribune* is mistaken. Many years ago the venerable Henry Dodge was a Senator from Wisconsin, and at the same time his son, Augustus C. Dodge, was one of the Senators from Iowa. The elder Dodge is dead, but the son still resides in Iowa, and takes an active part in the Democratic politics of that State. He delivered a Democratic speech in the Court House in this place during his term as Senator, and was appointed Minister to Spain by President Buchanan.

WHEN the bill fixing the salaries of the Judges was before the Senate last week, Mr. Butterfield, of Erie, in asking for an increase of the salary of the President Judge of that county, said that while there was a Judge in Philadelphia for each 45,000 of population, and in Allegheny for each 37,428, the occupant of the bench in Erie county represented 65,000 people.—He further stated that the average of population for a Judge throughout the State was 40,666, and that Judge Ross, of the Montgomery county district, which has a population of 81,612, had the largest district in the State, while Chester, with 77,805, was the next to it. Mr. Butterfield didn't seem to know that there is a judicial district in the State composed of the counties of Cambria, with a population in 1876 of 36,569; Blair, with 38,051, and Huntingdon, with 31,251—in all 105,871, being 24,239 greater than that of Montgomery, and 39,898 greater than Erie. Judge Dean, of this district, therefore represents a much larger population than any other Judge in the State, but, unlike the Philadelphia and Allegheny Judges, as well as a few of the Judges in the rural districts, he is not eternally whining about the salary he receives, and appealing to the Legislature to increase it.

WHILE the members of the House at Harrisburg, at an estimated expense of *one hundred and sixty thousand dollars* to the commonwealth, have voted to furnish the National Guard with a military outfit similar in all respects to that in use by the regular army, the Senate with equal generosity has passed a bill to third reading, which provides for encampments, inspections, transportation, subsistence, additional officers, surgical instruments and medical outfits, a brass band of not less than twenty nor more than thirty musicians for each brigade, together with rent for armories, books for the officers, rent for officers' quarters, ammunition, and other things "too numerous to mention," as vendue bills have it, all at the expense of the State, and which will amount in the aggregate to a sum at which any man may exercise his ingenuity in guessing. The bill, in fact, is so skilfully drawn that we defy any one to ascertain, or even to estimate, what the cost will be; and what is still more iniquitous is, that the State Treasurer is required to pay all the expenses without even an examination of the accounts by the Auditor General. The present Adjutant General is as well known for his love of military display as for his utter inefficiency, and to him under this bill full authority is given to draw all warrants for the payment of expenses on the State Treasurer. With a willing Legislature, no man can tell what the limit will be to this large demand on the public treasury for military trappings and warlike displays.

THAT benevolent statesman, Hendrick B. Wright, who avowed in Congress that he was proud to be called a demagogue, was received by a committee, together with about five hundred of his Greenback admirers, headed by two brass bands, on his return from Washington to Wilkesbarre last week. He made a speech in which he declared himself a Greenbacker, eulogized his defeated homestead bill, and took occasion to denounce William A. Wallace, who, he said, had "no more brains than a peacock." We have no doubt that Hendrick B. regarded this assimilation of Senator Wallace to a peacock as peculiarly witty, but it will be received for just what it is worth by those who know Wright and how he has never ceased to spread himself ever since he, by some mysterious stroke in politics, was made President of the Democratic National Convention at Baltimore in 1844, when James K. Polk was nominated for the Presidency. At all events it is more reputable to be as brainless as a peacock than, like Wright, to possess all the proverbial vanity of that proudly strutting fowl when it expands its gorgeous tail and displays its self admiration. At this reception, as well as at the late conference of the Greenback members of the next Congress, in which Wright participated, he has distinctly defined his political position and with his boots on has tumbled into the same bed with Frank Hughes, Dewees, and the other Greenback leaders. We trust, therefore, that hereafter the Democracy of Luzerne will give him a wide berth—that they will no longer minister to his inordinate vanity and self esteem, but will permit him to cultivate his own political corn with a Greenback hoe.

The Extra Session.

An extra session of Congress has always been regarded as approaching very nearly to a public calamity, and can only be justified on grounds of absolute necessity—such a necessity, in fact, as is conceded to exist by both political parties for the extra session which will begin on Tuesday next.—When the 4th of March arrived, beyond which Congress could not legally extend its session, the two houses found themselves unable to agree upon at least two questions, which had been the subjects of earnest and protracted discussion in the passage of two of the most important appropriation bills. One of these questions was the repeal of the law, passed in 1865, empowering the President to use troops "to keep the peace at the polls," and the other was the repeal of the law authorizing the appointment of supervisors of elections in *cities containing over 20,000 inhabitants*, and also the appointment of deputy United States marshals to attend the elections for the purpose of making arrests. These officers, supervisors and deputy marshals can only act at elections every other year, when members of Congress are to be chosen. *The Democrats in the House, denying* the right of a President to station troops at the polls for any purpose whatever, or of supervisors to challenge naturalization papers, and at their own whim or caprice to imprison those offering to vote on them, attached repealing sections of the obnoxious laws to certain appropriation bills, to which the Republican majority in the Senate refused to agree, thus defeating the appropriations necessary to keep the wheels of government in operation. Hence the call for an extra session.

In the Congress which has but lately adjourned, the repeal of these laws was a contest between a Democratic House and a Republican Senate, but as both houses when they meet on next Tuesday will be Democratic, it will then become a contest between a Democratic Congress and a Republican President, so called. The Democrats will pass these repealing acts separately, and if Mr. Hayes vetoes them they will be attached to the appropriation bills, and if the President refuses to sign them in that shape, the deadlock between him and Congress will then begin. It is not a pleasant state of affairs to contemplate, and of which no man can predict the end, unless one side or the other yields something of its demands. It is not thought that there will be any serious difficulty about a bill prohibiting the use of troops at the polls, but that the real contest will be over the supervisor's law. This law has been most scandalously abused by men like Davenport, supervisor of New York, under whose despotic and high-handed performances from six to ten thousand Democratic voters of that city were prevented from depositing their ballots at the election two years ago.

Our readers, we trust, will understand from what we have said what the Democrats propose to do at the coming extra session, as well as the difficulties in the way of their success. The country will closely watch the proceedings and will await the final result of the conflicting views between Congress and Mr. Hayes with feelings of the most profound interest.

WE have been patiently waiting for the last three weeks for some member of the House to introduce the customary joint resolution for publishing and distributing among the members of the two houses *six thousand* additional copies of Smull's Legislative Hand Book. Mr. Sherwood, a Democratic member from York county, undertook the job towards the close of last week by offering the resolution. This "son of York" offered a joint resolution on the 11th of last March for publishing and dividing among the members precisely the same number (6,000) of copies of the Hand Book, and seems to be as much infatuated with it as was Foster, some few years ago a member from Schuylkill county, who esteemed Smull's legislative statistics as being next in importance to the Bible. As we have time and again said in denouncing this annual pilfering by the Legislature of Smull's Hand Book, there is a standing joint resolution, approved on the 9th of May, 1871, which directs that *one thousand* copies of the Hand Book shall be published annually for distribution among the Senators, and *two thousand* copies for distribution among the members of the House.—Under this resolution each member of the Senate, at the beginning of the session, receives *twenty* and each member of the House *ten* copies of this much prized Hand Book. If Sherwood's resolution passes, each Senator will receive *forty* additional copies, and each member *twenty* copies. If there is anything in the lowest grab game that surpasses this performance of men who are styled *Honorable*, we would like to be informed of it. When Sherwood's resolution comes before the House, if the Committee does not strangle it, as it ought to do, if some member will simply ask the clerk to read the joint resolution of May 9th, 1871, to which we have referred, any man who will vote for it when that is done

"Would steal the gilding from an angel's wings
And rob the palace of the King of Kings."

THE American Club of Reading, a Democratic organization, of which Hon. Hiester Clymer, State Senator Ermentrout, and other prominent Democrats, are members, having expressed its preference for Governor Tilden as the next Democratic candidate for the Presidency, and having notified Mr. Tilden of its action, received a reply from "that wretched old man," as the Republican press styles him, of which the following is a portion:

"There is no spot in our whole country which would give me more delight by its kindly remembrance of me than the county of Berks. On the formation of parties at the beginning of the government the people of Berks almost with unanimity joined the great political association to promote the largest liberty of which different men at the head, and for almost a century, through all the mutations of time and of men, the Democracy of Berks have been unchangably devoted to their original ideas."

THE Committee on Federal Relations in of the Illinois Senate has made the following amusing report:

"Your committee has the distinguished honor of making its first and only report. We are happy to state that the relations between the General Government and the great commonwealth of Illinois are harmonious; that all is quiet on the sloping banks of the Sangamon as on the peaceful bosom of the Potomac. Your committee did think of making a tour to Washington to investigate the Potter committee and cipher dispatches; to instruct Secretary Sherman how to circulate the dollar of the colonial fathers; to urge the ship canal across the upper peninsula of Florida; to connect the gulf and the Caribbean Sea, and to get an opinion on the Bramage bill, but the fate of other committees at St. Louis and at the hands of the independent press has deterred us. Mr. President, your committee met, considered, adjourned sine die. Like Othello, our occupation is gone, and we retire to the shades of defunct greatness. Let us have peace."

THE Pittsburgh riot bill has not yet (Wednesday) been reached in the House. There are different opinions expressed as to its fate, all of which, however, will be settled when a test vote is taken on the first section.

A Strange Brooklyn Story.

HOW A RESPECTABLE YOUNG LADY FROM MAINE, DECEIVED BY A LADY FELLOW-TRAVELER, WAS ENTRAPPED INTO A DISREPUTABLE HOUSE.

A story has been related to us of the escape of a young lady of this city, says the Portland (Me.) *Press*, from a fate worse than death, and we give place to it because it shows how the most intelligent people may be deceived by designing persons, and cannot be too careful who they trust, or make chance acquaintances. The circumstances of the case are such that it will be seen at once names cannot be given. It is sufficient to say that the lady in question is one of the most modest, well educated daughters of a most respectable Portland family. Miss X., as we will call the lady, had been making a visit to Troy, N. Y.—At the same house another lady was the guest, who resides in one of the towns on the Hudson River railroad, just out of New York city. Both ladies concluded their visit at the same time and started for New York together, Miss X. to make a visit to her aunt in Brooklyn, and the other lady for her home. The two girls, when they entered the car, were full of chat, and merely noticed that a fine-looking, elegantly dressed woman, rather past middle age, was occupying the seat behind them.—They ran on about each other and their families, as girls do, hoping to extend the acquaintance with each other in the future. A few miles before reaching the city, Miss X.'s friend left her, as she had reached her home. Soon after her friend left, Miss X. was accosted by the lady on the seat behind, who appeared to be a woman of culture, as well as of wealth, and inquired after her parents in Portland, whom she said she met a few years before on a trip South, spending the winter with them in Florida. The young lady's suspicions were not aroused, and she conversed pleasantly with the stranger. When they reached New York both ladies took a horse car for the Brooklyn ferry—the stranger saying she resided in Brooklyn—and continued together until the Brooklyn shore was reached. It was a winter's day, and when they left the ferry-boat it was quite dark. Miss X. could not find her aunt's coachman, and was in a great deal of trouble, when her new acquaintance spoke up and advised her not to wait longer, but allow her to drive her home in her carriage.

Miss X. thankfully accepted the offer.—The carriage was a neat brougham, with a driver in plain livery. Her baggage had been forwarded from Troy by express, so as not to hamper her. Away they drove, and on the way the stranger said she should have to stop at her house a moment to deliver a message. A fine mansion was reached, the carriage stopped, and the lady alighting, ran up the steps, leaving Miss X in the brougham. In a few moments she returned and asked her to come in where it was warm, as she found she should be delayed about ten minutes.—Miss X. obeyed, and entered the parlor. As she did so the stranger excused herself, and as she stepped from the room Miss X. fancied she heard the key turn in the lock. The next minute she heard wheels rolling away. She looked out of the window and no carriage could be seen. She sprang to the door, and it was opened by the stranger, who said to her: "Miss X., it is useless for you to contend. You have been brought here for a purpose, and you must submit. Tears, cries will not avail you. Follow me."

Miss X. saw that resistance would be useless. It was evident she was entrapped and escape would only be obtained by bidding her time. She followed the woman up stairs, was ushered into a handsome room and the key turned on her. In a few moments a tray with supper was passed in. She dared not eat or drink, for fear of an anæsthetic. There she sat patiently for several hours, until all at once she heard a man's step, the door opened, and a gentleman entered. One glance was exchanged, when the man exclaimed: "How did you come here?" The lady recognized him as a gentleman whom she had frequently met the previous winter while visiting at her aunt's. She replied, "Get me out of this at once, I am entrapped." The gentleman thought a minute and then said: "This will be a serious matter for me. These people all know me and can injure me greatly. I had engaged to meet a lady here at the request of the proprietor of this house. I will save you, but you must promise never to divulge my name." He then opened the door and both proceeded down stairs. The proprietor, having confidence in the gentleman, had nobody on guard. They sped down stairs and out of the front door, down the steps, across the street to a back stand, and then to Miss X.'s aunt's. The gentleman did not leave the carriage, but as soon as the front door was opened drove away. Miss X. stepped across the threshold and fell in a dead faint. From the effects of the shock she has not entirely recovered.

The strange woman had gathered her information about the lady's family from the talk of the girls in the car, had put this and that together, and deceived the unsuspecting Miss X.

CURIOSITIES OF LIFE AND DEATH.—The Philadelphia *North American* collates the following under the above heading:

Philadelphia may well claim to be the healthiest city in the world. It is the second city in this country, and in the first dozen of the large cities of the world, yet the death rate last year was only 17.97 a thousand. The population of the city is now probably over 850,000 at least, and yet the number of deaths is less than in any year since 1869, when the population was 100,000 less. The births were 2,603 in excess of the deaths, showing a natural increase in the population of about one-third of one per cent. These numbers are only a summary of the facts any year since 1874. There were nearly a thousand more male infants than females. More were born in January than in any other month, and more in the Nineteenth than in any other ward. October proved to be the favorable month for weddings by a large majority. More than two-thirds of the brides married were natives of this country, and the foreign element were stronger in the brides than in the grooms. Only forty grooms were under twenty, but 1,051 brides had entered their teens at the age. The period from twenty to twenty-five proved the most susceptible to matrimony for both sexes. Five grooms were over seventy years of age, and four of them married women between sixty and seventy. No woman over seventy—or at least none who owned to any such age—were married. The Catholic priests performed the most ceremonies, and the Methodists came next. The deaths were quite evenly divided as to sex, and the number of adults was only 1,000 greater than of children. Scarlet fever carried off 554, and there has not been a death from small-pox since August, 1877.

A WOMAN'S COURAGE.—*The Brave Rescue of a Child.*—The Ottawa (Canada) *Herald* of recent date says:

This morning an accident happened at the school under the charge of the Sisters of Charity which no doubt would have been attended with fatal consequences but for the heroic courage displayed by Sister Mary Burns (in religion Sister Sophia). While Sister Goulin was teaching the second French class, a little girl named Emtie Maurice, about eleven years of age, stood on a chair quite close to the stove, when her clothes took fire. Before the Sister had time to reenver herself, the child sprang suddenly from the chair, rushed through the class, causing a panic among the other children, then dashed down the stairs, the flames increasing all the while, and burst into the room where Sister Sophia was teaching the first French class. The scholars commenced screaming and rushing about in order to get out of the way of the fire. Sister Sophia, forgetful of personal danger, sprang to her feet, clasped the child in her arms, and succeeded in smothering the flames, but not until the brave Sister herself had severely burned both her hands and arms. The child was badly burned about the heads and arms, the rest of her body fortunately escaping. She was conveyed to the general hospital, where her injuries were treated by the attending physician, who declared them, though not necessarily fatal, to be of a very serious nature."

AN IMPORTANT ORDER.—Postmaster General Key has recently issued the following circular, which is of interest to all our readers:

"Owing to the rapid increase in the mails and the establishment of many new post offices throughout the country, this department finds it necessary, in order to secure a speedy transmission of the heavy mails now passing particularly over the trunk lines of railroads, to request the public that in all cases the name of the county, as well as the post office and state, be superscribed upon letters, newspapers and other matter forwarded by mail."

BUSINESS is driving in Kansas City nowadays, the spring immigration having commenced. The Kansas City *Times*, March 7, says:

"Yesterday over twenty-five hundred passengers arrived from the East, bound for Kansas, and consisting mainly of people from the Middle States. The railroad companies have been notified to make preparations for carrying ten thousand people to Kansas City within the next week. The amount of baggage received at the Union depot yesterday was larger than ever before known in Kansas City. On to Kansas!"

WELL DONE!—The Democrats in the House of Representatives have done their duty in insisting upon their amendment to the Legislative Appropriation bill repealing the act appointing Federal supervisors over elections for Congressmen; and also in insisting upon their amendment to the Army Appropriation bill prohibiting the presence of United States troops at the polls on election days.

The two houses failing to agree respecting these subjects, the bills were not passed, so that no appropriation has been made for the support of the army; and accordingly an extra session is rendered necessary. At that session the Democrats, being in a majority in both Houses, will be able to pass these two bills in the precise form in which the Senate has now rejected them.

The thanks of the country are due to the Democratic members of the House for standing firm to the last in behalf of these amendments, because they were matters of vital and fundamental principle. The one against the use of soldiers at the polls is of the first moment; and *it seems surprising* that Republican Senators should have contended so obstinately for a thing so dangerous to liberty as a law empowering the Executive to use the armed force of the country for the purpose of managing elections.

Hardly less important is the abolition of the system of Federal election supervisors—a system of which Mr. John I. Davenport of this city has from the first been the most conspicuous exemplar. It is a vicious and a noxious system. Thousands upon thousands of officials have been appointed at important elections, and large sums of money expended to control the result in the interest of the dominant party. This system was not created through the enactment of an independent statute. The question of its establishment was never broadly discussed and fairly determined by Congress. It was inserted into an appropriation bill in 1872, and passed at the end of the session. It is eminently fitting, then, that it should now be repealed in an appropriation bill.

We congratulate the Democratic party, and we congratulate the country, upon the fidelity and steadiness now displayed in these matters by the House of Representatives. Better five extra sessions than the continuance of these unjustifiable, anti-democratic laws!—*N. Y. Sun.*

MRS. GEN. SHERMAN AND ARCHBISHOP PURCELL.—Mrs. W. T. Sherman was called upon the other day at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. F. W. Elder, in Baltimore, in reference to the feeling of the Catholic ladies toward Archbishop Purcell. She appeared deeply interested in the subject, and upon being asked what the ladies of the United States would probably do for the Archbishop, she replied, "I don't think they can properly do anything until Cardinal McCloskey calls upon them officially. It is too stupendous a matter for ladies to deal with except in an official and organized manner."

"Have you thought of any plan by which the ladies could help the embarrassed Archbishop?"

"No; but the Catholic ladies, I think, would take hold of any plan looking to his relief. I am confident of this." Speaking of the Archbishop's troubles, Mrs. Sherman said that it was a terrible calamity, and has been a severe blow to her personally. She had known the Archbishop since she was a little girl, and his brother for forty years, and she added, "There are not two better men in existence than they."

"What do you think of the objection being raised in some dioceses that by coming to the assistance of the Archbishop a bad precedent will be established?"

"Why," she said earnestly, "I think it is not a bad precedent—on the contrary a very good one. You might as well say we should stand by and see a man drown, with folded hands, for fear of establishing a bad precedent by saving him. If I had $1,000,000 I would give it to the Archbishop if it would save him. Are we to stand by and see him ruined?" she exclaimed. "I am a woman, and, perhaps, it may appear presumptuous, but I don't see how they can avoid aiding him."

In her opinion, the call for aid would be cheerfully answered on all sides.

NEW POSTAL CONVENIENCES.—The clause in the Postoffice Appropriation bill which provides for the double postal card, also provides for a letter sheet envelope, which is to be stamped as envelopes are now stamped, and a double letter envelope. The double postal card is in size similar to the present one cent card. It bears at both upper corners a one cent stamp and lines are drawn from the center, sloping downwards to each lower corner, to be written upon. The writer of the card uses the right hand side and the receiver uses the left hand side for his reply. The double letter envelope is stamped twice, and the sender uses the right and the receiver the left hand side in writing the address. At the back of the envelope is a double gummed flap divided by a perforated line. The lower one is used for sealing by the sender, and the receiver uses his knife along the perforated line and has a new gummed flap ready for use. The letter sheet envelope is designed to do away with outer envelopes. Its patentee claims great merit for it for the reason that it often occurs that the date which a writing has been mailed cannot be ascertained because the envelope has been lost. Here letter and envelope are one. The new law does not direct the Postmaster General to issue these patented conveniences. It only allows him the discretion to do so. The Postoffice Department had nothing to do with having this clause inserted in the bill.

MISTAKES will happen, as for instance: A reporter of the Cincinnati *Enquirer* was sent to a hotel to interview Gen. Sherman. The reporter sent up his card, and a young lady, attended by a footman, who was also in the reception room, sent up the same card at the same time. The messenger soon returned with two cards from Gen. Sherman, and the clerk handed one to the reporter: the other to the footman. The reporter read the card that had been handed to him, while his hair stood on end, as follows: "Regret exceedingly that I can't come. Give my love to your mother, and assure her I have not forgotten old times. Hope the soiree will be a success, as I'm sure it will be. Pardon the witticism when I say that yours truly is very soiree he can't be present. W. T. S." The reporter had just finished reading and realized the mistake that had been made, when, looking up, he saw whirl away the carriage which contained the young lady. Just then a card bearing the following rude inscription dropped from the lady's nerveless hand and fluttered to the ground: Go to h—l! What do I care about the army, the Chinese bill, the Coolie trade, the Presidential question, or any other d—d question! Never heard of a man named Tilden, and don't want to, but I regard him as a horse thief of the deepest dye. Again I say, as I said in the beginning, go there yourself! W. T. S.

CUPID'S CAPERS.—A Shelbyville, Ind., dispatch of the 7th says: There has been a queer courtship and marriage so much out of the ordinary run of such affairs as to be worthy of special mention for the encouragement of despondent lovers. About two months ago, a mutual friend induced Mr. Jos. Baldwin, of Johnson county, this State, and Mrs. Virginia Hess of Martinsville, to enter into a correspondence with a view to matrimony. Mr. Baldwin had reached the ripe age of eighty-one years, is a prominent member of the Christian Church, and a well known and influential citizen. After exchanging several letters, he visited Mrs. Hess, who proved to be a widow nearly sixty years old. They seem to have fallen in love at first sight, as they were married the next day. Thus the introduction, betrothal and wedding all took place in less than twenty four hours. The friends of the parties were greatly surprised at the marriage of the couple, who were supposed to have reached an age proof against Cupid's darts. They are, however, as loving as two turtle-doves, and have settled down to live in Franklin, this State, apparently in the enjoyment of the greatest earthly bliss.

—The floor in the Mechanics' Hall at North Berwick, Me., gave way Monday forenoon, during a town meeting, precipitating nearly fifty persons to the floor below. No one was killed, but many were fearfully and probably fatally injured.

News and Other Notings.

—Madame Rolland, of Montreal, gave birth to four children—two girls and two boys—a few days ago.

—A. J. Shultz, of Woodville, Allegheny county, invested $1 in the Louisiana State lottery and drew $1,200.

—A Canadian couple, en route to Dakota to settle, weigh 614 pounds—the man 310 pounds, and his wife 304.

—Isaac Brown, an octogenarian of Jefferson county, Alabama, has ploughed the same field for 62 consecutive years.

—Fears are felt in Gloucester, Mass., that a whole fleet of fishing vessels, fifteen sail in all, were lost last month with all on board.

—The bodies of the Chisholm family, murdered in Kemper county, Miss., have been interred at Salona, near Lock Haven, this State.

—Allen MacDonald, a wealthy and respected citizen of Glenwood, Allegheny county, committed suicide by cutting his throat on Saturday.

—A belated Erie train one evening last week, it is said, made the run between Canaseraga and Burns, five miles, in four and a half minutes.

—Mr. Ross Sweeney, sixty years old, committed suicide in Snowden township, Allegheny county, on Wednesday. Ill health was the cause of the act.

—A fire occurred at Georgetown, D. C., on Saturday night, by which three children of Daniel Martin, colored, aged from one to five years, were burned to death.

—The poormaster in Lemont, Ill., keeps a barroom, and it is charged that he encourages men to spend their money for his liquor by promising to help their families from the public treasury.

—A Philadelphia Emigration Society is preparing to settle a large colony in Kansas. Their by-laws provide that no intoxicating liquors shall be sold as a beverage within the lines of their settlement.

—A large number of young men lately left Zurich, Switzerland, for Georgia, under the leadership of a Swiss farmer who is settled in that State. It is proposed to establish an extensive Swiss colony there.

—A Mrs. Miller, in Portland, Oregon, gave birth on the morning of February 20 to her twentieth child, a girl, weighing a fraction less than two pounds. At last accounts it was represented to be "healthy and cheerful."

—The ship Turkish Empire, with a cargo of deals, went ashore at Big Duck island, near Grandmenan, Me., on Friday night. She was a total loss. The captain and six men were drowned. The pilot and seven men were saved.

—The San Francisco *Post* says that a Mrs. Bruff, of Oakland, has applied for a legal separation because, as her petition states, Mr. B. leaves her "to run around with the McCracken boys and do things she afterward regrets."

—An Oxford (Mich.) girl of 14, desiring to marry and fearing that her youthfulness would be regarded by the clergyman as an objection, altered the date of her birth in the family Bible, and took the sacred volume along when she eloped with her lover.

—The editor of the Wilkesbarre *Sunday Plain Dealer* continues to edit his paper in jail, where he is confined for libel. All the copy has to be submitted to the jailor, who, with the dignity of a chief in a newspaper office, scratches out and interpolates to suit himself.

—A farmer in Cook county, Illinois, by the name of Dunning, raised last year 100 tons of squashes from forty acres of land, and had a good corn crop besides. Sixty tons of these were sent to Boston for market. He realizes thousands of dollars from the crop.

—On Monday last a young man, named Miller, was caught upon the shafting in the nail works at Milton, and his body whirled around at the rate of ninety or a hundred revolutions a minute. Strange to state, he received no internal injuries and no bones were broken.

—An extraordinary freak of nature has just come to light in Pittsburgh. Twins have been born and are connected at the breast by an arm of flesh. The physicians who have examined the children state they are sound in every respect, but to cut the arm between them would be almost instant death to both.

—Three boys, Charles and William Gessley and Ambrose Rubright, of Waterloo, Schuylkill county, boarded a coal train Saturday at Auburn and rode to Hamburg, where they jumped off while the train was in motion. Charles Gessley was killed instantly, and Rubright seriously and Wm. Gessley slightly injured.

—Al. Smith of Elko, Nev., is a tough man. In a fight his antagonist chopped three chips out of his skull with an axe, and the chips were afterwards picked up on the field of battle. The axe penetrated to the brain, partly paralyzing him, but none of his wounds have inflamed, and it is thought that Smith will get well.

—On November 21 last Mrs. M. Ensinger, of Harrisburg, aged fifty years, mysteriously disappeared from her home and all efforts to discover her whereabouts proved fruitless until a few days ago, when the body was found in a mill pond in the lower part of the city. She is supposed to have committed suicide, as she was slightly deranged at the time of her disappearance.

—Positive romance, epitomized: Miss Martha Ruggan, a pretty young school teacher, of Cleburne, Texas, was engaged to be married to Henry Crowley, of Little Rock, Arkansas. The wedding was set for April—showers and flowers. On Wednesday she received an invitation to attend the wedding of Crowley and a Little Rock woman. In a few minutes she died by her own hand.

—A young woman married an old widower in Tannerville, Ga., and soon fell in love with his son, who was about her own age. The matter was fully dircussed by the trio, and all agreed that it would be better for her to become the wife of the son. The transfer was amicably made by means of a divorce. Since then, the old man has married his ex wife's mother, and the rearranged family is harmonious and happy.

—A Toledo, Ohio, gentleman has invented a machine for elevating grain in bulk. The principle which he has applied in the invention is that of atmospheric pressure, and his machine is really nothing more than a syphon, with one leg in the elevator and the other in the hold of the vessel, with cylinders at the elbow to effect the exhaust. At a recent trial grain was sucked up through the syphon with great rapidity and to a height of fifty feet from the ground.

—The family of John Mace, conductor on a railroad in Maine, has been unfortunate by railroad accidents. Several days ago Mr. Mace himself was badly injured at Burnham, by being crushed between two freight cars. A number of years ago a young son was run over and killed at Portland. About two years ago John Mace, jr., had an arm crushed while shackling cars in Belfast. Last week his second son, Charles, was run over and killed at West Waterville.

—During a run of the Rose Tree, Delaware county, for hunters the other day, they struck a sensation. On the Bartram farm Reynard played one of the queerest tricks in his ofttimes checkered career.—Being hard pressed by the dogs and noticing a large chestnut tree, with its drooping limbs directly in his way, he sprang upon one of the limbs, and jumping from one to the other was in a jiffy at least twenty feet above the head of the foremost dog. He was soon dislodged from this retreat and captured.

—A violent wind storm, amounting to almost a tornado, passed over the southern part of Macoupen county, Illinois, on Tuesday last, destroying houses, barns, and other property. Edward McDonald, living near the southern line of the county, and two or three of his grandchildren were killed and several other members of the family severely wounded. One or two other deaths are reported, but the facts are not obtainable. The storm is said to have been about a quarter of a mile wide, and came from the northwest.

—In Columbus, Ohio, last week, several attempts were made to burn the city, and on Saturday morning, between two and four o'clock, eight stables were burned, while attempts were made to burn other buildings by the use of rags saturated with coal oil. The police force has been increased and many private watchmen placed on duty. On Saturday night the police, militia and citizens, to the number of about 1,000, patrolled the streets, and no fire occurred. The militia remained on duty Sunday night.

—On the Highlands, back of Newport, Ky., a tramp called at the house of Mr. Truesdale, a well-to-do farmer, and finding Mrs. Truesdale alone, knocked her down and tearing a sheet into strips, bound her firmly to a bench with her hands tied under it, and feet lashed to a peg in the wall. He then robbed the house of a small sum of money and some valuables. The woman remained five hours in this condition till the return of her husband and in the meantime had become a mother. The tramp left, but a force of forty mounted men at last accounts were in pursuit of him. Mrs. Truesdale's condition is very precarious.

—An Australian inventor has discovered a process of singular utility, which he intends to apply to the freighting of live cattle to England. He injects a subtle fluid into a vein of the animal's ear, and the subject at once becomes unconscious and remains in a state of suspended animation for any length of time, being aroused whenever it is deemed desirable to arouse it by a process as simple. Unhappily, says the New York *World*, this beneficent invention has been made public too late to allow of Mr. Logan being duly injected and put away with Mr. Hayes' photograph in the Centennial safe which is to be opened on the 4th of July, 1976.

—Paul Boynton arrived at Gallipolis, after floating 102 miles in 28 consecutive hours, in a heavy fog, with the water only two degrees above the freezing point. He was near being run over in the night by a steamboat from behind, but he yelled and blew his bugle just in time, and the vessel sheered aside, the guards passing above his head. After daylight he saw two gypsies in a boat from one of the floating houses on the river, and, suddenly standing upright, asked them the time of day. One man, pale with terror, leveled a musket at Boynton, who screamed out a warning just in time to save his life. He was received at Gallipolis with great enthusiasm.

—Mason was an unsuccessful grocer in Littleridge, Mich. He had been a Methodist, but bankruptcy in business led him to carelessness about religion, although he was exceedingly superstitious. He had read of the devil buying souls, and made up his mind that for a satisfactory price he would sell his own. He wrote out a formal offer, the purport of which was that he was to be given twenty years of wealth and then his soul was to go into the devil's possession. This document he suspended over a fire, round which he performed incantations of his own invention. Although several weeks have elapsed he has not gained wealth, nor received any intimation that the bargain has been closed.

—Very Rev. Martin Kundig, Vicar General of the Roman Catholic diocese of Milwaukee, died on Thursday morning of congestion of the heart, aged 74 years. He said early Mass at the Cathedral, a few hours before his death. Father Kundig was a native of Switzerland, and came to this country with Archbishop Henni. He was stationed in Detroit during the cholera epidemic of 1834, and was conspicuous for his herculean labors in attending the sick. In their behalf he spent all his private fortune, and in addition incurred a load of debt, which it required years to liquidate. He was transferred to Milwaukee in 1842, and has been Vicar General for fifteen years.

—A farmer at Glenburn, Maine, purchased some supplies in Bangor, among which was a pint of whiskey. To avoid breakage, he placed the bottle in a box of rice, but found on reaching home that the bottle was broken and the rice saturated. He threw the rice behind his barn, and a big turkey soon paid his respects to it. In due time the turkey became dead drunk, and was found in that condition by the farmer, who thought that disease or poison had killed him. The bird was still warm, and the death evidently recent. The farmer would not eat him himself, but plucked him for market and left him in the stable. The next morning he found the bereft gobbler shivering naked on his roost, and looking on him with reproachful eyes.

—A letter from Sand Hill, Beaufort county, S. C., says the Augusta, (Ga.) *Chronicle*, tells of a shocking occurrence which has lately transpired in that section. On the 13th ult. Mrs. Amanda Pope and her two little children started from her home to pay a visit to her brother, Mr. Frank Wheeler, five miles distant. She attempted to take a by path through the woods and missed her way. Nothing was heard of her until the 23d ult., when she was found nearly dead from exhaustion and weakness, and when discovered was lying prone on her back with a child, dead from exposure and hunger, on each arm. Her condition was ascertained by two colored men, who happened to be passing by that way and heard her groans. The dead children were aged respectively three and one years.

—There was a disposition on the part of the loungers about the telegraph office in Xenia, Ohio, on Thursday, to steal peeps at what was going on within. The Rev. N. M. Longfellow, of Jamestown, and his daughter, Vashti B. Longfellow, were standing by the instrument, while a dozen lady friends crowded around. The operator at Wichita, Kansas, was shaken up by the Xenia operator, who asked if John A. Smith was present in Wichita. "Present and ready," was the reply over the thousand miles wire, and then the preacher proceeded to marry John and Vashti. This was done because young Smith could not leave his business in Wichita and Vashti's parents insisted that she should be married before leaving her Ohio home for her new nest in Kansas. After the novel ceremony Mrs. Vashti Longfellow Smith, bride, started for Wichita by the next train, the crowd at the depot cheering her lustily.

—Between one and two o'clock Sunday morning a fire broke out in the wagon shop of Mrs. Henrietta Bausch, on Broadway, East St. Louis. There being no fire apparatus in East St. Louis, and no call being made on the fire department of the city, one brick and five frame buildings were destroyed, entailing a loss of about $10,000. In the second story of the wagon shop, which was occupied as a residence by Mrs. Bausch, there were sleeping her three children by former marriages, named Charles Guebenbach, aged sixteen years, and John and Emma Zipp, several years younger, together with Henry Schoppenkoetter, a blacksmith, and Mrs. Catharine Borst, who was spending the night with Mrs. Bausch. These persons were all burned to death, being unable to escape by reason of the door leading to their apartments being fastened on the outside. Mrs. Bausch, who was also asleep in the same house at the time, jumped from the window and was so severely injured that she will probably die.

—The Cambria FREEMAN, Ebensburg, Pa., has recently been enlarged, printed on a new power press and new type. McPike is bound to succeed if hard work and a first-class county paper can do it. Our motto.—*Curwensville Times.*

WILL REMOVE.—Dr Quincy A. Scott, on April 1st, will remove his dental offices to second floor of No. 39 Fifth avenue, half way between Market and Wood streets, Pittsburgh, Pa. [3-7.-5t.]

—Chew Jackson's Best Sweet Navy Tobacco. [1-5-1y.]

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TERMS.—Four dollars per term for all studying only the common branches; five dollars per term for higher branches and instruction in teaching.

☞ Those proposing to attend will please give notice by 1st of April, as the number will be limited. [2-26.-3t.] F. A. LYTE.

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Ebensburg, Pa.,

FRIDAY. - - MARCH 14, 1879.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Here, There, and the Other Place.

—Wall paper at Oatman's.

—Fish of all kinds at Oatman's.

—A large stock of wall paper just received at Oatman's.

—The attendance at Court this week was undeniably small.

—M. L. Oatman is considered by one and all to be the cheapest merchant in Ebensburg.

—The nicest line of dress goods in town just opened at Oatman's, and the prices are away down.

—Having given all the other stores a fair trial, they find that Oatman's is still the cheapest store in town.

—An infant son of Mr. Abram Blaine, of this place, died on Friday evening last, twenty-six hours after birth.

—Mr. John G. Gill has been appointed postmaster at St. Lawrence, this county, and will fill the bill to perfection.

—Mr. Wm. A. Magehan, a son of the lamented Michael Dan Magehan, was in town this week in attendance at Court as a juror.

—It may seem strange, but it is nevertheless true, that it requires less money to buy a Chebb China than to hire a buggy in this county.

—The man who now has snow or ice in front of his house or place of business should be elected Street Commissioner next year. Shovelcroff!

—It is rumored, but the news so far as we have learned is not confirmed, that a former Johnstowner died in the House of Refuge at Pittsburgh last week.

—Mr. Charles E. Pugh, of Philadelphia, General Agent of the Pa. R. R., has, it is rumored, been appointed General Superintendent at Altoona, vice G. Clinton Gardner, resigned.

—The Philadelphia *Record* locates our county jail in Johnstown, and says that one of the inmates of a cell administered a terrible beating to a young man who was sharing the apartment with him.

—The funeral obsequies of ex-Sheriff Linton, which took place in Johnstown on Monday last, were conducted under the auspices of the Masonic fraternity, of which order he was an old and valued member.

—We learn from reliable authority that upward of six million feet of logs, to say nothing of immense quantities of sawed lumber, were put in the river in White township alone during the winter just closed.

—The "Boss" soap, sold by M. L. Oatman at six cents per cake, or five cakes for a quarter, is the cheapest and best dirt annihilator that ever knocked the spots off a full hand or interviewed a tub full of soiled linen.

—The sale of the interest of the heirs of P. L. Linton, deceased, of, in and to certain real estate located in and near Ebensburg, advertised to be exposed at public outcry on Tuesday last, was postponed by consent till April 2d.

—The Johnstown *Tribune* of Monday says: Messrs. P. M. & J. Brown, it is said, have over a million feet of lumber in logs at their sawmill at Summerhill. Mr. Nipps, one of their employes, bid in the mill for them at the assignee's sale last Saturday.

—The bereaved wife of Joshua Ellsworth, the young man who was drowned in the Conemaugh river below Johnstown on Monday last, and whose body has not yet been recovered, is nearly distracted with grief, and it is feared she will become insane.

—If Mrs. Elias Jones, late of Cambria township, now of Iowa, has fallen heir to $50,000 by the death of an uncle, as the *Herald* says was rumored about Johnstown last week, there is little doubt but that herself and family will return to this place ere many moons have waned.

—Those who have never tried the experiment can scarcely conceive how hard it is to publish a local newspaper in a community like this, where even the week's washing can be left hanging out over night with impunity—also with perfect confidence in the honesty of one's neighbors.

—David Kellar, of Williamsburg, Blair county, a railroad man, was run over by the cars at Kittanning Point last Saturday and killed. His age was about 25 years. He was a son-in-law of Mr. Harvey M. Campbell, now conductor of the Williamsburg branch railroad train in Blair county, and formerly brakeman on the Ebensburg branch train.

—Mr. John Gore, of the Fifth Ward, Johnstown, was on Saturday evening presented with a valuable gold watch and chain by the employes of the rolling mill who have known his superintendence for several years past. Mr. Chal. Dick made the presentation speech in behalf of the donors, and Mr. Samuel Miller replied in behalf of the recipient.

—Belmont, Ebensburg's favorite summer resort, which was so well and so successfully conducted by Mr. T. H. Davis, of the Mountain House, during the season of 1878, will be opened this year under the same management on the 31st day of May next. City folks intending to spend the heated term on the Alleghenies will do well to make a note of this fact.

—As the first of April, or *all fools'* day, is rapidly approaching, the *Herald* will soon have to commence ventilating its annual Spring predictions about a possible Republican triumph at the next fall election in this county. It always indulges in that sort of prophecy, but unfortunately no person ever believes it, and hence no one is deceived by its utterances.

—Gen. Jacob M. Campbell has returned to his home at Johnstown. He was a good representative in Congress, in his way, but will likely Gen. A. H. Coffroth will be a better. A considerable majority of his constituents, at least, think so. But this does not bar us from saying that in private life the General has now and will continue to have our best wishes for his success.

—Dr. Sloan, of Chest Springs, was in attendance at Court this week. He informed us that Mr. George Walters and Mr. Montgomery Douglass, of the northeastern section of this county, both of which parties lately underwent a severe surgical operation, are as well as could be expected under the circumstances. Their many friends here and elsewhere will be glad to hear the news.

—The only property sold by the Sheriff last Monday, at the Court House, was that of George B. Richards, of White township, comprising 95 acres and 140 acres of which are cleared, with two houses and a barn thereon. Sold at the suit of the Commissioners of Clearfield county, and bought by Wm. H. Sechler for $120. The other writs advertised in these columns, were either paid or stayed.

—There seems to be a kink in the office of County Surveyor, to which position Mr. Wm. T. M'Connell, of Croyle township, was elected last fall. As the new constitution provided for said election one year earlier than it actually took place, the question which remains to be settled is, shall Mr. Scanlan continue to hold the office until the expiration of the present term, or shall Mr. M'Connell take possession?

—We should have noticed in our last issue the removal of Mr. Carl Rivinius' watchmaking establishment from Johnstown to the room recently occupied for banking purposes by Messrs. Colins, Johnston & Co., but failing in that we take occasion to do so now. Charley is one of the best workmen that ever manipulated a hair-spring, and we have no doubt that in his new location he will do a more thriving business than ever.

—It was Francis Cain, son of Mr. Peter Cain, of Carroll township, and not Frances Cain, a young lady having no existence in said township, or elsewhere so far as we know, who won the elegant watch recently disposed of by chance for the benefit of the Church of the Holy Name, in this place. The prize, which is certainly a most valuable one, was handed over to the father of the fortunate young man on Wednesday last.

—P. A. Shoemaker, Esq., was prostrated by sickness this week, and his attendance at Court, where he had business on hand, was necessarily debarred. Col. John P. Linton, also engaged in a number of cases, was absent throughout the session, by reason of the sudden death of his father, the lamented ex-Sheriff Linton. These unfortunate circumstances, combined with others of a different character, made the civil list this week considerably shorter than it would otherwise have been.

—Several cases this week were either delayed or postponed by reason of a "flood" in the Susquehanna river and its tributaries. When a "flood" occurs, Judge Dean on the bench admitted, the interests of business which are based on a semi-annual rising of the waters at the head of navigation should scar superior to either a summons or a subpœna from the Court, and if a party in a case should chance to be absent when his name is called, it will be all right with him if he wear a tarpaulin hat.

—We have read and published a good many items in our time about "boss" quilts, but we don't know that we have ever heard of one that could claim to be a "patching" to the "bed kiver" recently completed by Miss Mary Ellen Evans, a young lady residing near Beulah, in Cambria township, and which we are assured contains the enormous number of 20,829 separate and distinct patches. If any of our lady readers can boast of a more elaborate quilt, it will please us "now, sew" much to make a note of it.

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—Our genial and gentlemanly young friend, James G. Flanagan, Esq., of Altoona, was on Monday last admitted to the practice of his profession as an attorney and counselor in this county, his honor, Judge Dean, taking occasion to vouch for him as a lawyer whose abilities and integrity do ample credit to his *alma mater*. This, added to the fact that he is about to be made City Solicitor by the Democratic majority in the Altoona Council, ought to be enough to insure for the jovial "Jeems" a brilliant hereafter, which we know he merits and hope he will attain.

—While we thank our correspondent "H. I." for the endorsement of our course contained in his communication in reference to G. G., M. C., which might mean Great Goose, Member Congress, but only means George Gurley, Model Commissioner, we feel that the subject has been sufficiently ventilated, and even if it were prudent to publish what he writes, which we very much doubt, we question whether the game would pay for the ammunition. If any one feels, however, that the other side of the question is entitled to a hearing, our columns are at his service.

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—The proposed location of the new penitentiary at Huntingdon having served the political purpose intended, it looks very much now as if the whole act would be repealed rather than face the music on the additional $600,000 appropriation asked for to complete it. More than this, Harrisburg and Williamsport are again putting forward their claims, and between the retirement of Senator Fisher from the legislative halls, the large amount of money needed and the competing localities, it looks very much at present writing as if the chance for an appropriation were decidedly attenuated.

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—"A hoary-headed wretch" is what the Altoona *Call* takes occasion to call a nameless old libertine who attempted to outrage a little girl in a store in that city during the temporary absence the other day of her father, the proprietor of said store, but who was fortunately frustrated in his hellish design by his intended victim eluding his grasp and knocking him down with a weight. Then turning the key on the venerable villian, the little girl hastened home to inform her father, but as she forgot to tell him that the man who sought her ruin was locked up in the store, his well grounded indignation had cooled off to such extent when he ascertained the fact that through mistaken leniency he permitted the hoary-headed wretch to go unscathed.

—Lizzie Owens, a twelve or fifteen year old daughter of Mr. Edward Owens, of Cambria township, was seized with spasms while attending services in the Disciples' church on Sunday evening last, whereupon she was removed to the residence of Mrs. Roberts, next door, where she has been laboring under almost constant and most fearful convulsions ever since, her cries being not only heart-rending in the extreme, but her contortions so unremitting and her strength so great that it has required we are told, the united efforts of four men to keep her in subjection and prevent her from doing herself bodily harm. For this purpose members of the church, male and female, are in attendance day and night, and their labor of love, it is needless to say, is far from being an agreeable task.

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—The opening of the large, varied and elegant stock of dry goods, groceries, hardware, etc., moves on apace at the new store of N. J. Freidhoff, on High street, but not yet we forbear setting forth in detail what he intends to keep for sale, proposing as we do to give him the cheapest and best dirt annihilator that ever knocked the spots off a full hand or interviewed a tub full of soiled linen.

—Last week's Indiana *Democrat*, under cover of correspondence from Saltsburg, same county, contains this item: "James W. Rhey, Esq., formerly Superintendent of Fairbanks coal mines, near this place, came down on Thursday afternoon last, to transact some business, and during the evening, while in the Earhart House, was stricken down with spasms. He lies in a critical condition." Mr. Rhey, who we are rejoiced to know has fully recovered from the illness noted above, is known in this vicinity as "our own and only Jim Rhey."

—Our genial and gentlemanly young friend, James G. Flanagan, Esq., of Altoona, was on Monday last admitted to the practice of his profession as an attorney and counselor in this county, his honor, Judge Dean, taking occasion to vouch for him as a lawyer whose abilities and integrity do ample credit to his *alma mater*. This, added to the fact that he is about to be made City Solicitor by the Democratic majority in the Altoona Council, ought to be enough to insure for the jovial "Jeems" a brilliant hereafter, which we know he merits and hope he will attain.

—While we thank our correspondent "H. I." for the endorsement of our course contained in his communication in reference to G. G., M. C., which might mean Great Goose, Member Congress, but only means George Gurley, Model Commissioner, we feel that the subject has been sufficiently ventilated, and even if it were prudent to publish what he writes, which we very much doubt, we question whether the game would pay for the ammunition. If any one feels, however, that the other side of the question is entitled to a hearing, our columns are at his service.

—Houtzdale, Clearfield county, is happy just now because a party of alleged capitalists have recently been prospecting in the vicinity for a mammoth tannery site. Ebensburg had a little experience of the same kind not a great while ago, but if the gentlemen who then visited as with that avowed object in view got a sight of the site they were seeking for, they got a sight of people here who would like to get another sight at the men who got a sight at the site they were hunting for the mammoth tannery which it was said they intended to invest a sight of money in erecting.

—The proposed location of the new penitentiary at Huntingdon having served the political purpose intended, it looks very much now as if the whole act would be repealed rather than face the music on the additional $600,000 appropriation asked for to complete it. More than this, Harrisburg and Williamsport are again putting forward their claims, and between the retirement of Senator Fisher from the legislative halls, the large amount of money needed and the competing localities, it looks very much at present writing as if the chance for an appropriation were decidedly attenuated.

—We noticed the arrest last week of Geo. W. Baum and Hudson Oaks for the larceny of some 600 lbs. of flour from the mill of Mr. George Hoover, near Patchinville, Clearfield county, and gave officer P. P. Miller, of Carrolltown, credit for their apprehension. Since then we learn that Constable McNulty, of Susquehanna township, not only claims to have effected the arrest of Oaks, who at a hearing before Esquire Nugent, of Patchinville, succeeded in establishing his innocence, and was consequently set at liberty, but also took into custody, on Friday evening last, another party named Geo. W. Lloyd, Jr., who with Baum is now in the Clearfield jail awaiting trial on the charge preferred.

—*The Herald* hopes "to be able to announce ere long that the mechanical works in this place will be put in operation, the property at present being that the establishment will be purchased by capitalists from the East, who, report says, will enlarge its capacity for the manufacture of a variety of agricultural implements." A very hopeful paper is the *Herald*, but as a rule its hopes on ben half of Ebensburg are, unfortunately, built upon sandy foundations, and as a consequence quickly topple to their fall. In this instance it is to be hoped that better luck will attend its fanciful creations, and that the mechanical works will be in full blast when the last spike has been driven into the *Herald's* proposed extension of our branch road to the Blacklick.

—"A hoary-headed wretch" is what

FOR WORSHIP in JAPAN.

Prof. Ayrton lectured at the Royal Institution, his subject being "The Magic Mirror of Japan." In Japan there is, he said, an absence of house walls, interior and exterior, the houses consisting of a roof supported on only a few posts enclosing very little but empty space; and sliding screens alone compartments. Why, in this comparative absence of all that we should call furniture, does one article pertaining to the ladies' toilette—the bronze mirror with its stand—hold so prominent a position? This mirror is usually circular, from three inches to twelve inches in diameter, made of bronze handle covered with bamboo. The reflecting face is generally more or less convex, polished with a mercury amalgam, and the back is beautifully ornamented with a gracefully-executed raised design. Some for the rustic population have also polished letters.

The explanation of the fact that the mirror is almost *par excellence* the entire furniture, is found partly in the elaborate head dresses of the Japanese ladies and the painting of their faces, and partly from the belief that as the sword was "the soul of the Samouri," so is the mirror the "soul of woman." It therefore constitutes the most valuable of all her possessions, and two mirrors form a part of the trousseau of every bride. The characteristic qualities of the mirror must, it is believed be in accordance with the constitution of the possessor, and "second sight" is resorted to in the selection of a mirror. But why is the mirror so important in the imperial palaces, where the court ladies, still preserving the fashion of old days, comb back their hair in the simplest style? Why does the fortune-teller, instead of looking at a girl's palm, regard the reflection in a mirror? Why, instead of referring to the book of the recording angel, does the Japanese Plato bring before the boatman his evil deeds reflected in a mirror? And why does the mirror hold so important a place in Japanese temples? The mirror ranks far higher in Japanese history than has been supposed; it, in fact, takes the place of the Christian countries.

Prof. Ayrton read the myth of the origin of the worship of the mirror. The main points in it are that when gods alone inhabited the earth, the sun goddess one day hurt her hand with her shuttle, having been suddenly frightened by a practical joke of her brother, the god of the sea. She indignantly retired to a cave. Darkness followed, and the goddess had to be appeased. The wisest of the gods suggested making an image of her more beautiful than herself. The Japanese Vulcan fashioned a mirror in the shape of the sun, and all the gods laughed, and shouted, "Here is a deity who surpasses even your glory." Woman's curiosity could not stand this. The goddess peeped out and while admiring herself in the mirror was caught and dragged out by a rice rope. The national traditions have it that this sun goddess (*Amaterasu o mi Kami*) sending her adopted grandson, who was also the great-grandfather of the first emperor of Japan, to subdue the world, made him three presents: the *maga tama* (the precious stone, emblematical of the spirit of the woman), the sword (emblematical of the spirit of man), and the mirror (emblem of her own soul). "Look," she said, "on this mirror as my spirit, keep it in the same house and on the same floor with yourself, and worship it as if you were worshiping my actual presence."
—*London Times.*

THE ALLIGATOR.—A Florida letter says: Although very clumsy, their quickness in some cases is remarkable as when in the water a speed of from five to eight miles an hour is made, and on land they are able to throw themselves over half a circle, using the forefeet for a fulcrum, striking their enemy with their tail with tremendous force. In getting food, the alligator shows a remarkable degree of cunning. Fish are acceptable, and to catch them a number of alligators form in line, driving the fish before them into a cove or inlet. Then each alligator makes a rush, catches a fish in his open mouth, rises to the surface, tosses the fish into the air, at the same time expelling the water by a current of air drawn through the nose, and is ready to bolt the fish when it falls, Owing to the formation of the teeth the alligator cannot masticate his food but bolts it in small chunks. The gullet is not large. Prey of any considerable size is concealed until it begins to putrefy, when it is sought and devoured. The largest animals are attacked if they get into the water dragged down and drowned. Last spring a large ox went into the waters of Lake Jackson, not far from Tallahasse, to drink. An alligator fastened to the fore leg of the animal, crushing the bone. The ox struggled on shore, dragging his antagonist with him. At this time the shore was black with alligators, attracted by the smell of blood, and some crawled upon the bank. The ox fought valiantly, tossing one of the monsters high in the air, from which fall he lay on the ground stunned a considerable time. But the wounded ox again got into the water, and a mammouth alligator closed on his nose and dragged him under.

SOW CABBAGE SEED on St. Patrick's day.

DIRECTORS OF THE POOR of CAMBRIA COUNTY in account with said County for the year 1878:

DR.

To amount received from—	
William Dishart, for buckwheat	$ 1.00
Robert Evans, "	2.30
Mr. McKay, for sheep	189.52
D. H. Rinkead, for wool	44 84
Jos. Weiser, for sheep skins	3.50
Sebastian Holtz, on note	87.80
Sebastian Graff, on note	30.00
Westmoreland County—J. Darby	100 00
Clearfield County	36.48
Jesse Patterson, cash advanced	25.00
To am't proceeds of Wineberger sale, paid N. J. Freidhoff, Treasurer	40.00
To am't orders paid by N. J. Freidhoff, Treasurer	13,386 85
	$13,966.95

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By amount of orders paid to—	
James W. Condon, 1877	$ 75
Francis O'Friel, "	1 20
John E. Scanlan, "	12 00
A. L. McMullen, "	12 00
G. C. K. Zahm, stating account for 1877	15 00
1878.	
Geis, Foster & Quinn, merchandise	172 14
M. L. Oatman, "	223 79
Myers & Lloyd, "	48 80
John Lloyd & Co., "	26 64
E. J. Mills, "	14 74
George Huntley, "	44 50
John Thomas, "	52 76
David Evans, "	30 40
Shaffer & Co., "	28 25
E. Roberts & Son, "	12 60
Wood, Marsh & Co., "	8 00
E. C. Patrick, "	1 00
C. C. Patrick, "	1 86
T. G. Stewart & Co., groceries	331 56
Osborn & Confer, tea	14 10
Akers & Hammer, dried fruit and vegetables	19 51
James Driskell, cider and apples	10 00
James C. Murray, apple butter	6 75
Isaac Hite, "	27 00
William Selders, cider	5 00
L. D. Hoffman, "	5 50
Philip Hartsock, 87 bushels wheat	109 65
John Douglass, 45 " "	51 75
Thos. Bishop, 95 " "	133 00
Charles Flick, 10 " "	14 00
Philip Flick, 60 " "	84 00
M. Driskell, 60 " "	54 00
S. Eckenrode, 57½ " "	51 50
John Biter, 20 " "	18 00
J. Kirkpatrick, 41½ " Rye	25 75
M. J. Nagle, 29 bbls. flour	210 24
Davis Bros., bran	14 60
John Shoup, 1 bbl. vinegar	3 50
Wm. D. Buck, onions and flax seed	7 95
Teresa Scanlan, butter and eggs	8 84
Jacob Weiland, apples	2 00
John Thomas, "	12 00
Gallagher & Co., onions	1 50
Lemmon & Murray, drugs and medicines	22 21
Cunningham, Glenn & Co., tobacco	51 41
Davis Bros., salt	3 16
Wm. Dodson, turnips	3.00
Thomas Deveraux, straw	3 92
C. Houser & Co., clover and timt'y seed	2 00
Mrs. Cobaugh, cabbage plants	2 40
D. A. McGough, pork	40 55
Daniel Davis, "	54 83
Hugh Ferry, "	12 60
Mich'l Nagle, "	69 15
Philip Sanders, "	15 24
Evan Hughes, "	41 16
Benj. Lloyd, "	20 85
John Noel, "	26 04
David Jones, "	23 10
J. Kirkpatrick, "	30 75
Isaac Weisinger, beef	39 23
John Murray, "	19 50
H. Mansfield, "	27 00
William Selders, "	17 99
H. Hubrandt, "	9 04
Peter O'Neill, "	10 20
Henry Eberly, "	2 36
John Diffenbry, "	6 66
Joseph Gutwald, " etc.	399 48
Adam Rudolph, " "	57 46
L. Rodgers & Son, "	24 75
John McCormick, 2 head cattle	32 50
A. D. Criste, 2 " "	36 00
A. W. Rosland, 4 " "	70 00
Samuel Reed, 4 " "	55 50
Evan Rowland, 2 " "	40 00
Moses Davis, 2 " "	33 00
John Nipps, 2 " "	29 00
William Selders, 1 " "	29 50
Thomas E. Davis, 1 " "	16 75
F. W. Spitler, 1 patent milker	2 00
William Hite, 2 parallel chairs	16 00
F. W. Hay & Son, 1 stove	12 00
A. Bradley & Co., 1 " and repairs	47 00
William Mann, 1 order book	10 00
Hoover & Co., plaster	3 00
Jesse Bolsinger, gum boots	3 00
M. M. O'Neill, harness	50 00
M. Saxman & Co., coal	62 52
A. J. Lewis, "	20 31
James Driskell, ashes	1 62
John Tierney, "	5 62
Mervin Sanders, surgery	5 00
Edgar Hughes, hardware	29 11
J. Dibert & Son, "	6 39
John A. Hair, lime	3 00
Mc Fall, Bell & Co., carding wool	3 50
Pittsburgh Iron and Paint Co., paint	3 85
Luther & Larsen, boots and shoes	20 00
David O. Evans, shoemaking	5 00
Jones & Evans, smith work	50 00
C. Davis, "	3 25
Ed. Thomas, "	4 00
Samuel Thomas, buggy spring	1 00
John L. Sechler, painting and papering	25 00
Col. Luttringer, for wolf and hunting	20 00
Isaac Evans, " "	20 00
John Thompson, postage and stamps	4 31
G. A. Kinkead, agent, insurance	10 00
R. H. Davis, " "	10 00
Penna. R. R. Co., freight	252 72
Robert Evans, 6 coffins	45 50
J. A. Kennedy, 1 sleigh	30 00
T. J. Shubert, printing Report for 1877	30 00
Ed. Johnston, " "	30 00
G. T. Swank, " "	30 00
M. M. O'Neill, saddler, repairs	6 00
M. M. O'Neill, 1 single saddle	27 00
M. Humphreys, cartwright, repairs	9 46
J. A. H. A. Shoemaker, repairing stoves	10 51
John Fisher, " pump	1 75
D. F. Geppert, " mowing machine	2 00
Thomas J. Davis, carpenter work	37 25
R. Hitchings, " "	5 22
Thomas Davis, mason work	1 75
Samuel Hanford, " "	1 00
James Myers, locust posts	12 00
Davis Bros., lumber	17 65
Garman & Williams, lumber	26 26
Thos. J. Lloyd's estate	28 92
B. P. Anderson, shingles	22 50
David D. Lewis, shoe flags	2 50
H. Kinkead, costs suit, Cleart'd county	2 00
J. H. Fiske, " " "	2 08
C. Ellis, " " "	1 12
Geo. Seeley, " " "	2 96
W. Williams, " " "	4 00
C. F. O'Donnell, Fhothonotary's costs	1 50
L. Lilly, cash paid for sundries for house	38 20
L. Lilly, do. expenses " "	45 27
L. Lilly, Steward	550 00
Daniel Eberly, farmer	240 00
Mary Conway, servant	164 00
Mary E. O'Neill, "	10 00
A. M. Keim, M. D., medical attendance	175 00
F. A. Shoemaker, Esq., counsel fees	15 00
John P. Linton Esq., counsel fees	25 00
John F. Barnes, Esq., " "	4 50
Dr. J. A. Reed, Dixmont	1,749 85
Jesse Patterson, Director, expenses P. H. D. Convention	19 50
Jacob Kirkpatrick, Director, expenses P. H. D. Convention	17 39
L. Lilly, Steward, expenses P. H. D. Con.	30 95
J. Kirkpatrick, Director assessment P. H. D. Convention	15 60
OUT-DOOR PAUPERS.	
Jesse Patterson, Director, cash paid	469 27
Jacob Kirkpatrick, Director, cash paid	5 00
Jesse Patterson, Director, services	111 16
I. N. Wissinger, Director, services	33 20
J. Kirkpatrick, Director, services	44 85
L. Lilly, steward, cash paid transportation trans' expenses etc.	99 65
L. Lilly, Steward, expenses conveying paupers to Indiana county	16 80
Penna. R. R., transportation	183 80
A. Yeagley, M. D., medical attendance	125 00
A. M. Keim, M. D. " "	8 00
J. C. Miller M. D. " "	19 50
C. S. Levergood, M. D., " "	23 00
Oatman & Keim M. D., " "	68 00
John P. Linton Esq., counsel fees	25 00
W. W. Empfield, one coffin	3 91
Robert Evans, " "	3 00
Joseph Behm, " "	12 00
Geo. W. Empfield, " "	8 00
Michael Horne, " "	12 00
J. H. Black, cleaned	111 00
John Stewart, three "	42 00
Emanuel James, two "	27 00
F. N. Barks, one "	9 50
J. C. Horne, digging graves	15 00
Jonathan Homer, " "	5 00
Jacob Stiberger, " "	6 00
Jacob Beatty, " "	4 00
James Lynch, " "	6 00
John Rinehart, " "	4 00
Gottlieb Pfeister, " "	3 00
Thomas McCabe, " "	2 00
Simon Adams, " "	1 50
Isaac Michael, shroud etc	2 37
F. J. Parrish, burial expenses	11 80
Blair Co. Almshouse, boarding, etc.	119 86
Westmoreland Co. Almshouse, boarding, etc	18 50
Allegheny Co. Almshouse, board'g, etc.	20 86
Indiana Co. O. P. " "	49 15
Armstrong Co. O. P. " "	29 50
Armagh, Indiana Co. O. P. " "	11 25
Joseph Shoemaker, " "	32 21
Peter Sirbough, " "	17 45
Jacob Beam, " "	21 25
Jonathan Beam, " "	1 75
Robert Evans, " "	20 00
T. E. Knox, " "	3 00
John Fitzpatrick, " "	3 00
Mrs. Foster (Johnstown), " "	8 00
Mrs. J. Ranchly, " "	6 00
Mrs. C. Foster, " "	3 74
Mrs. Akeman, board & nurse	4 00
John Grady, " "	9 00
Barbara Keats, nurse	3 00
Mrs. Garrigan, "	5 00
Mrs. Jere. Fegan, "	2 00
Amrah A. Jones, "	4 00
Sarah Overnight, "	8 00
Jas. Burns, "	12 00
Lane Ambrose, "	12 00
Chas. Zimmerman Jr. livery	12 50
Patrick Minahan, coal	4 00
A. Greenwood, "	8 50
H. W. Met reery, cont & court fees	11 30
W. H. Beverly rents	5 00
George Wissinger, carrying sale	2 50
Oscar Graffe, services	3 25
Edgar O. Fisher, clerk	1 00
James J. Murphy, clothing	1 55
J. S. McCartney, goods	42 39
John J. Troxell, "	19 81
A. Eckenrode, "	13 09
Geiger & Melton, "	2 00
John Teel, "	2 00
Isaac Michael, "	2 50
Charles Gubbin, meat	5 32
Christ. Reich, goods to Warner family	8 05
John Riffel, " " "	11 61
W. McConnell, " " "	25 20
James Gilson, " " "	10 22
Charles Seibitz, meat "	12 72
A. H. Parrish, " "	9 60
John P. O'Neil, " "	24 40
Jacob O'Hurra, " "	7 20
John Egar, stove grate "	1 25
Frank Freidhoef, milk "	18 75
Mrs. Rickards, " "	10 15
Geo. J. Schwader-r, whiskey to Warner family	31 05
Mrs. Carroll, washing Warner family	11 03
Mrs. M. E. Watts, serving "	3 00
Cath. Burgoon, " "	1 00
Ann Criste, spinning "	1 35
Mary A. Sneeder, knitting "	3 25
R. Devereaux, M. D., medical services Warner family	90 00

OUT-DOOR PAUPERS—CONTINUED.

Mrs. Mary E. Warner, nurse, Warner fly	$ 18 00
Joseph Criste, nurse, Warner family	49 00
David Egar, " " "	86 80
Frank Warn-r, " " "	2 00
R. Devereaux, coal	6 50
John B. Egar, wood and hauling, do	8 00
Edward Schaffer, allowance, Warner family	8 00
Rev. T. Vaneyce, allowance for Sarah Stephens	75 00
Mich'l Exner, allowance Christina Gill	47 00
Wm. Lumsdon, allowance Peggy Smith	65 00
J. G. Hollen, allowance	24 00
Mrs. Cain, allowance	12 00
A. L. McMullen, allowance	60 00
Edward Schaffer, allowance	63 0
Mrs. McBride, allowance	74 00
James Davis, allowance	15 00
Mrs. Helstein, allowance	63 00
Mrs. Leberick, allowance	51 00
Mrs. O'Brien, allowance	51 00
Mrs. Lister, allowance	51 00
Mrs. Keats, allowance	51 00
Mrs. Keelan, allowance	60 00
Mrs. E. Smith, allowance	48 00
Mrs. McFall, allowance	48 00
Mrs. O'Donnell, allowance	49 00
Mrs. Sarah Dougherty, allowance	24 00
Mrs. Jones, allowance	39 00
Mrs. Ream, allowance	49 25
Mrs. McTrenter, allowance	48 00
Mrs. Fife, allowance	43 80
Mrs. Snyder, allowance	48 00
Mrs. Pfoff, allowance	26 0
Mrs. Callen, allowance	12 0
Mrs. Lewis, allowance	39 00
Mrs. Carroll, allowance	96 00
Mrs. Lybarger, allowance	31 50
Mrs. Parfit, allowance	9 00
T. B. James, allowance	9 00
Mrs. Miller, allowance	33 00
" Gallagher, allowance	36 0
" Green, allowance	36 00
" Beals, allowance	9 00
" Akerman, allowance	19 00
" Dimmick, allowance	4 00
" Williams, allowance	4 00
John Nizzell, allowance	33 00
F. Ramberick, allowance	36 00
A. Miller, allowance	40 0
John Bucher, allowance	39 0
Catharine Demmers, allowance	22 0
John Hagenbuhler, allowance	8 00
Mary J. McDermitt, allowance	13 00
Mrs. Shanahan, allowance	32 0
" Ute, allowance	6 0
Mr. Swartzman, allowance	27 0
Mrs. Flinn, allowance	18 00
" Rossoner, allowance	26 00
" Zinn, allowance	63 00
" Crofford, allowance	27 00
" Ann Smith, allowance	27 00
" Crane, allowance	27 00
" Golden, allowance	27 00
" Keller, allowance	27 00
" Hickey, allowance	27 00
" Raser allowance	27 0
" Flynn, allowance	3 00
Isaac Kelly, allowance	48 0
Peter Hall, allowance	22 0
James Gillan, allowance	25 00
Mrs. Mary Egar, allowance	24 00
" Brown, allowance	12 0
James Johnston, allowance	6 00
Mrs. Evans, allowance	3 00
" Frech, allowance	3 00
James Swinehart, allowance	3 51
Mr. and Mrs. Reese, allowance	5 00
Mrs. Swartz allowance	3 0
Mr. and Mrs. Egan, allowance	24 0
Isaac Hawes, allowance	4 00
Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins, allowance	4 00
" " " Ford, allowance	5 00
" " " O'Mara, allowance	4 00
Mrs. Howard, allowance	2 00
Patrick Donavan, allowance	4 50
Ellen McBride, allowance	4 00

OFFICIAL EXPENSES.

J. H. Fisher, justice fees	17 50
J. S. Strayer, " "	10 00
Wm. Flattery, " "	5 3
John Brady, " "	38 7
John Cox, " "	6 50
Thomas M'Kiernan, justice fees	2 10
Charles Buxton, " "	2 0
C. Mauser, " "	1 25
Elias Rowland, " "	20
Geo. W. Easly, " "	10 70
T. W. Condon, " "	2 00
J. F. Peterson, " "	7
Joseph Rose, " "	2 65
Thomas Cullen, " "	1 00
F. J. Parrish, " "	6 94
Joseph Waters, constable's fees	18 5
Henry Varner, " "	6 50
Christ. Rohme, " "	2 0
Joseph Steck, " "	7 00
J. T. Harris, " "	17 31
James Mauls, " "	3 55
W. W. Harris, " "	3 5
H. F. Myers, " "	28 64
Peter Isenell, " "	2 91
John Lysaght, " "	2 50
J. T. Harris, " "	3 51
William Fiers, " "	3 15
Peter M. Gough, (team hire), cons. fees	2 00
Am't in hands of I. Lilly, Steward	840 10
" " " N. J. Freidhoff, Treas.	10 80
	$13,966.95

STATEMENT.

Am't of orders paid by N. J. Freidhoff, Treasurer	$13,386 85	
Am't of orders for 1878 unpaid	7.50 34	
Am't of orders for 1878 unpaid —House	179 66—$14,.92 85	
From which deduct—		
Orders for claims due prior to 1878	41 45	
Diamond Hospital	1.7 0 85	
Physicians, medical attendance, O. D. P.	599 50	
Counsel	25 0	
Outdoor relief, viz: Coal, hospital, transportation, coal, clothing, burying and nurse hire O. D. P.	1,581 26	
Coffins, digging graves and cemeteries, O. D. P.	260 61	
Transportation Directors and Steward's services, O. D. P.	205 31	
Livery, O. D. P.	1 50	
Monthly allowances, O. D. P.	2,200 75	
Matthew Laughlin's (outdoor) Directors' and Steward's expenses P. H. D. convention	21 78	
Printing Report for 1877	98 84	
Lumber, carpenter work, etc. new building and fence around cemetery	0 0 0	
Use of orders O. D. P. and Diamond	234 00	
Net expenses for house and farm for 1878	728 34	
	6 867 56—$14,292 05	

AMOUNT DUE INSTITUTION.

J. S. Strayer, Charlton estate, (claim disputed)	$ 537 15	
Francis Urbans' estate, (claim doubtful)	41 51	
Geo. W. Oatman, Esq., (subject to credits)	165 42	
John Kirschner, for hides	4 70	
John Evans, "	9 0	
Geo. Seegers on cattle trade	5 00	
F. A. Shoemaker, Esq., rec'd from Jno. Henry	42 0	
Paul Kistler, bal. on note	8 94	
J. W. Conlon, Esq., cash found on tramp killed	3 28	
David Shenkel, for brick	1 75	
Abel Lloyd, "	1 75	
Philip Warner, judgment note	250 0	
N. J. Freidhoff, proceeds of Wineberger sale	40 0	
I. Lilly, Steward, am't rec'd	540 10	
	$1,749 94	
Am't due from County, as per Auditor's Report, Jan. 1878	$ 915 78	
Am't due from parties as above statement	1 749 94	
Requisition for 1878	15 000 00	—$16,965 72
Am't of orders paid for 1878	$13,386 85	
" " " outstand'g 1878	9 5 0	
" " " doubtful claims	678 65	
Bal. in favor of Poor House	1,891 02	—$16,965 72

REPORT of I. LILLY, Esq., Steward of Poor House, for the year ending Dec. 31, 1878:

STOCK ON FARM.—3 horses, 9 cows, 5 hogs, turkeys and chickens.

PRODUCTS OF FARM.—28 tons of hay, 765 bushels oats, 350 bushels corn in the ear, 1,500 bushels potatoes, 2,000 heads cabbage, 15 bushels onions, cucumbers, beets and other vegetables, 19 lbs. wool, slaughtered 2,6 0 lbs. pork and 700 lbs. veal.

FARMING IMPLEMENTS, ETC. Same as reported last year.

MANUFACTURED IN THE INSTITUTION.—2 bbls. sauer kraut, 1,2 0 lbs. hard soap, 1; bbls soft soap, 256 qts. canned fruit, preserves, jellies, etc 87 shirts, 10 pair pants, 24 pair overalls 42 dresses, 40 chemises, 17 sacques, 28 aprons, 30 pillow slips, 40 sheets, 26 pillows, 22 bolsters, 19 bed ticks, 23 tups, 15 towels, 42 pair socks, 25 pair stockings, 18 pair mitts, 17 children's dresses, 5 shrouds.

IMPROVEMENTS.—One straw shed built, 16x48 ft.; new paled fence around cemetery; new stalls, mangers and floors in 3 stables, and grain box.

INMATES.

Number of inmates January 1 1879	72
" " born during the year	1
" " admitted during year	49—122
Discharged and removed during the year	42
Died during the year	7—1 2
Remaining in House January 1, 1879	7—1 2

Of the inmates remaining Jan. 1, 1879 there are 27 sane males, 25 sane females, 11 insane males, and 12 insane females. Number of insane at this time, 12.

Average number of inmates per month 76; average cost of each inmate per week, 41 48¼, which includes 407 meals given to tramps during the year.

J. LILLY, Steward.

WE, the undersigned Directors of the Poor of Cambria county, do certify that the foregoing is a correct statement of the receipts, expenses, inmates etc., of the Poor and House of Employment of said county for the year A. D. 1878, all of which is respectfully submitted.

Witness our hands this 4th day of March, A. D. 1879.

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A SAVAGE FISH.

In parts of South America especially in the rivers of Guiana and Brazil, one of the most savage of fishes is found. It seldom exceeds a foot in length but is said to attack any animal that ventures near it, men, alligators or horses not excepted, as well as fishes of ten times their own weight. The natives call the fish "piraya" or "pirai," and scientists have named in *Serrasalmo paraya*. It has nothing in common with the salmon family except the second dorsal fin, which resembles that worn by the fishes named; yet this was considered enough to entitle it to its generic name, which may be translated "saw salmon" the prefix referring to the strongly serrated abdomen of the fish, beside which the serratures of a shad or alewife are insignificant. Its teeth are sharp on the edge like those of some sharks and are flat and triangular. The Macoushi Indians are reported to carry a piece of the jaw of the piraya, with which they sharpen their arrows by drawing them between the teeth, after the manner of certain knife sharpeners.

According to Spix, numbers of them will attack an ox, if it happens to encounter one of their schools in crossing a stream, and often so severely injures it that it succumbs before it can swim forty feet. In attacking a fish they begin at the caudal fins, and thus deprived of their propelling power, the victim is at their mercy. The feet of water fowl are often amputated, and bathing is unsafe in such streams as are infested with this small fish. Some authors state that one tribe of natives placed their dead in these streams to be devoured by pirayas, which is quickly done, leaving a clean skeleton, which is then removed and made ready for their peculiar form of sepulchre. We read in Schomburgck's "Travels in South America," that they are so greedy as to bite at the bare hook, and that on account of the sharpness of the teeth it was necessary to protect the line with metal. These accounts seem almost fabulous and yet appear to be well vouched for.

CURE FOR DYSPEPSIA.—Milk and lime-water are now frequently prescribed by physicians in cases of dyspepsia and weakness of the stomach, and in some cases is said to prove beneficial. Many persons who think good bread and milk a great luxury frequently hesitate to eat it, for the reason that milk will not digest readily; sourness of the stomach will often follow. But experience proves that lime-water and milk are not only food and medicine at an early period of life, but also at a later, when, as in the case of infants, the functions of digestion and assimilation have been seriously impaired. A stomach taxed by gluttony, irritated by improper food, inflamed by alcohol, enfeebled by disease, or otherwise unfitted for its symptoms attendant upon indigestion, dyspepsia, diarrhœa, dysentery and fever, will resume its work, and do it energetically, on an exclusive diet of bread and milk and lime water. A goblet of cow's milk may have four tablespoonfuls of lime water added to it with good effect. The way to make lime-water is simply to procure a few lumps of unslacked lime, put the lime in a stone jar, add water until the lime is slacked and of about the consistency of thin cream; the lime settles, leaving the pure and clear lime water at the top. Great care should be taken not to get the lime water too strong. Keep to the direction as to the consistency, and when the water rises pour it off without obtaining any of the lime. The lime water is very good to apply to burns and scalds. In slacking the lime particular care should be taken that none of the particles fly into the eyes.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.—When molasses is used for cooking it is an improvement to boil and skim it before you use it. It destroys the unpleasant, raw taste, and makes it almost as good as sugar.

Keep a heavy stone on your pork to hold it down. In the summer this stone is an excellent place to keep fresh meat on when you are afraid of its spoiling.

Soap your dirtiest clothes and soak them in warm water over night. Use hard soap to wash your clothes, and soft to wash your floors. Soft soap is so slippery that it wastes a good deal in washing clothes.

A little salt sprinkled in starch while it is boiling tends to prevent it from sticking; it is likewise good to stir it with a clean spermaceti candle.

A few potatoes sliced, and boiling water poured over them, make an excellent preparation for cleansing and stiffening old rusty black silks. Green tea is also good for this purpose.

CURE FOR CROUP.—Croup may often be relieved by alum and sugar.—Take a knife or grater, and shave off in small particles about a teaspoonful of alum; then mix it with twice its quantity of sugar, to make it palatable and administer it as quickly as possible, giving a teaspoonful every fifteen minutes until vomiting ensues. If needed the remedy may be applied again. When this remedy has no effect, a bit of yellow snuff, as much as can be taken on the point of a knife and mixed with a teaspoonful of molasses, may be administered and never fails to operate as an emetic.

THE cucumber does its best fighting after it's down.

HUMANE AND RATIONAL CURE FOR HORSE COLIC.—Colic is one of the most fatal diseases horse flesh is heir to. The symptoms of colic are readily detected. The animal scrapes with his fore feet, kicks at the belly, and shifts about, turns around, smells the floor, crouches, puts the nose to the flanks, lies down, rolls, remains for a time on the back, and breathes heavily throughout. But there is a ready and safe means of relief and cure in every homestead in the land—a means and method recently brought forward at a meeting of the London Farmers' Club by Mr. Frederick Street, a gentleman of great skill and experience in the training and management of horses. When the horse shows the symptoms of an attack of colic, apply at once says Mr. Street, a horse cloth or woolen rug wrung out of boiling water, to the belly and up the sides, and cover with another couple of clothes to retain the heat. As they cool, renew the cloths as often as needful. A large bran poultice, as hot as can be borne, is equally effective, and retains the heat longer.

GAS TAR PAINT FOR WHEELS.—Last year the spokes of my wheel barrow worked loose, and I tried to tighten them by wedging; but the wedges worked out, and the wheels were likely to come to pieces. I had some gas tar handy, and filled the joints with it and also dipped the wedges into the tar. All was tight and stayed tight. I next painted my wagon hubs with it both the two-horse and one-horse, filling cracks and joints thoroughly. This kept the spokes tight through the remainder of the season. Last year about the first of August one of my tires came off on the big wagon, and I broke two felloes. To repair that wheel cost me $1.10. As soon as I got that wheel home from the shop I painted every wheel of three wagons and the old buggy with gas tar—hubs, spokes and felloes. They soon dried and the paint was as hard as jalap, and shone like black paint with varnish. No more loose tires since.

HOW TO MAKE COWS GIVE MILK.—A writer in the "Southern Farmer" says that his cows give all the milk that is in a family of eight, and that from it, after taking all that is required for other purposes, 260 pounds of butter was made last year. This is, in part, his treatment of the cow: If you desire to get a large yield of rich milk, give your cow every day water slightly warm, and slightly salted, in which bran has been stirred at the rate of one quart to two gallons of water. You will find, if you have not tried this daily practice that your cow will give twenty five per cent. more milk under the effects of it, and she will become so attached to the diet as to refuse to drink clear water unless very thirsty. But this mess she will drink almost any time and ask for more. The amount of this drink necessary is an ordinary water pail full at a time, morning, noon, and night.

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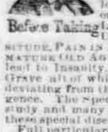

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